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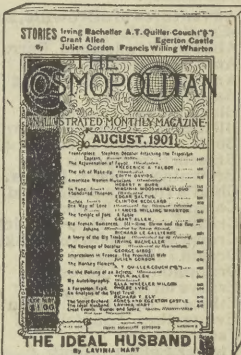


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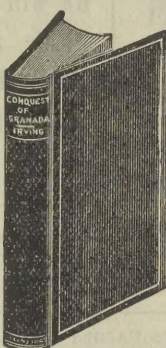
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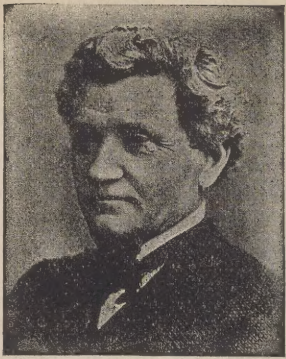
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A MUCH ENDURING VINE. (Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Every floral catalogue gives a strong puff to that much talked of vine, Clematis Paniculata. Floral journals praise it over and over, extolling its free growth, its profusion of bloom, and its fragrance. Yet strangely enough, some of its characteristics, fully as valuable to the cultivator as those that are told over and over, are rarely spoken of. It stands unique among deciduous vines for the length of time it retains its foliage, and deserves abundant praise for the hardships it endures.

Flower growers fail to realize sometimes, the value of fine foliage. There must be a background of green, not only for the growing vine, shrub, or herb's flowers itself, but for all bouquets and cut flower work. When we have pressed into service every scented and Rose Geranium, cut every spray of Smilax we can spare, there is always a dearth remaining of handsome and appropriate foliage. Particularly is this the case, when autumn has cut down our summer favorites. When our neighbor's child dies, or a bride asks us to her quiet home wedding, we sever here a bud and there a blossom from our potted plants, but we cannot ruin our plant's looks by robbing them of the leaves that have so slowly developed, and have so much to do with our plants' symmetry. How we wish then for just enough green, fresh, pretty and graceful, to set off our flowers and make the simple gift acceptable.

Fortunate, then, is the owner of a Clematis Paniculata vine. Long after other summer vines have shed every leaf, only Honey-suckle Halleana and Clematis Paniculata retain their foliage. By and by the Honey-suckle's leaves turn purple and bronze, but its companion Clematis is darkly green as ever. How delightful is it to sever festoon after festoon of this graceful, airy vine, in weather so chill that we shiver as we break the branches, and to bring in our treasures, that once gradually thawed, are green and summery looking as summer herself! A flower-lover who often had resource to her clematis vine for late foliage, emphatically declared that she valued Paniculata most, not for its blossoms; but for the winter green of its foliage.

Not that it is evergreen, not that climate and locality do no have influence upon it, but that it is, take it all in all, the deciduous vine that retains its leaves the longest. The lady referred to in the foregoing paragraph, grew a strong vine that was trained upon the north wall of her home. Long after the vines of its own kind on the south and west sides of the building had lost their leaves, this was green as ever. Many times they

froze as stiff as a board. But on the north, sheltered from the bright noonday or afternoon sun, they thawed out gradually, their beauty not marred in the least. This particular vine, in a locality just south of the Ohio river, remained green until into February. Farther north, such a result could not be looked for, but as the Paniculata's foliage, with a north exposure, will endure a cold reaching nearly or quite to zero before falling, it is possible, by using a little forethought, to have outdoor green to use, even in the coldest climate, six to eight weeks after other vines than



CLEMATIS PANICULATA.

Paniculata are bare. You, who are doubting Thomases, try a vine upon your north walls. You will find for yourself this: its remarkable leaf persistency has not been exaggerated.

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severing vine the chance that it had earned.

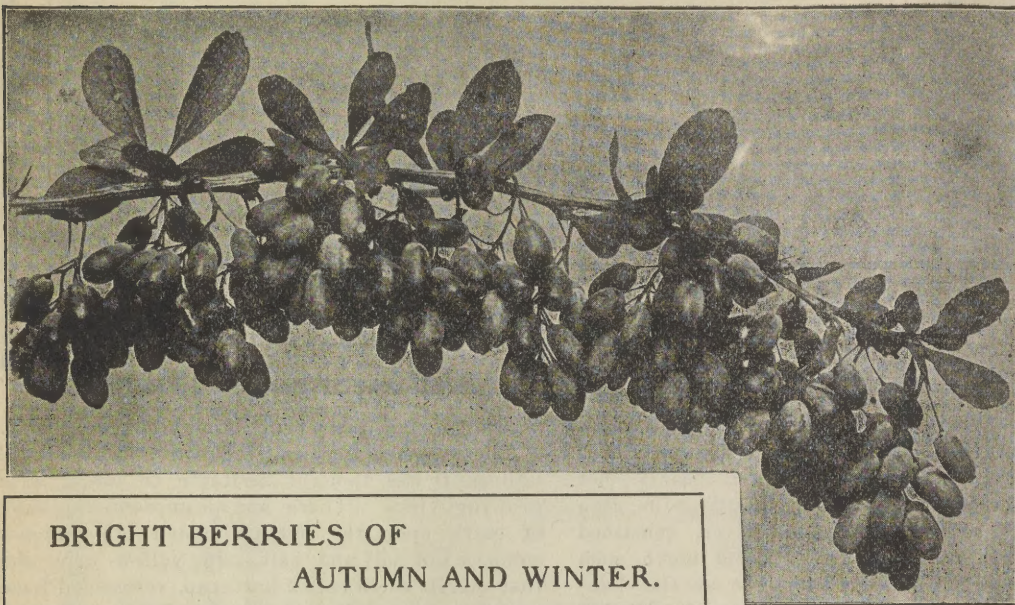
There was a certain woodhouse, whose bare ugliness it was thought desirable to drape with growing vines. There was an unpromising bank of earth upon the north side of this woodhouse composed of half and half stiff yellow clay and that sterile earth called hard-pan, refuse soil from a cellar. Several times a vine of one sort and another was planted there only to die the first season. No wonder, for the ground was so hard and poor, and so dry and baked during summer, that a self-respecting dock would have refused to grow there. Finally a two-year old root of Clematis Paniculata was planted. For two years the vine, in the words of Patrick Henry, was left to "Sink or swim, survive or perish." It parched in drouth; it hungered for food; it climbed when it could, and where support failed it, hung in tangled mats of verdure. And in spite of all, grew four or five feet high the first season, seven or eight feet the next, and furnished a few handfuls of sweet but undersized blossoms.

Not until for two winters it had furnished its neglectful mistress armfuls of clippings—masses of rich, green foliage when other vines were bare—did its owner wake to its value. Then that was done that should have been done in the first place. Half a wheelbarrowful of good, mellow loam, and half a wheelbarrowful of rotted barnyard manure were brought and used about the vine, digging it in as well as could be done, and leaving a good top-dressing of this rich stuff for two feet in every way about the vine. During growing season, the roots were drenched with suds from the weekly wash.

The transformation was almost unbelievable. A multitude of strong shoots came up, and grew into luxuriant vines. These vines were so long that they covered not only the side of the woodhouse that was supposed to be their goal, but turned the corner and half covered the end of the woodshed also. The foliage was of that rich, deep, dark green that delights a nature lover. In late summer and autumn the vine was a cloud of feathery bloom, each individual flower an inch across. Bushel baskets could have been filled with solid wreaths twelve, fifteen and eighteen inches long. In its first beauty, the daughter of the house exclaimed, "Oh mamma! why can't

there be a wedding for some bride to wear these flowers!" But long, long before the fleecy flowers had gone, their snowy clusters had adorned the bride, covered the bosom of the dead, and brought a breath of summer to the hot, close bedrooms of the sick. That was what one vine, after years of neglect, was able to do when a little encouragement was given to it.

Lora S. LaMance,



**BRIGHT BERRIES OF
AUTUMN AND WINTER.**

No home, however small and unpretentious, is complete without at least a few ornamental shrubs and vines around it. When planting, if one is wise, he will have more or less of those which produce bright colored berries in the late fall and winter. Many shrubs are really more ornamental in fruit than when in flower, and a suitable selection will brighten a lawn or garden in a surprising manner. One bush with scarlet berries will light up the whole landscape, gleaming brightly in the dreary, rainy days of November, and showing gorgeously against the snows of December. One peculiar and admirable characteristic which some shrubs possess is that of being so brilliantly effective in winter. With a background of evergreens, or when planted in shrubbery with others which retain their rich green leaves until late in the season, the brilliancy of the bright-berried shrubs is enhanced by the contrast, and when planted in masses they produce a truly gorgeous effect.

The Climbing Bittersweet, *Celastrus scandens*, one of our native vines, grows very commonly over the old rail fences and stone walls along the roadside, but it is never fully appreciated until seen in the winter festooned among the branches of an evergreen tree. Its glossy foliage makes it a presentable vine at all times, but when the clustered berries, golden yellow in color, round and smooth at first, open and display the bright scarlet arils within, it truly becomes an object of beauty. The berries retain their form and bright color all through the winter, and swinging, swaying from the branches of the evergreen, the vine carries our hearts by storm and wins for itself a permanent place in our regard. It seems to have no preference as to soil or location, flourishing anywhere and everywhere if given half a chance. It needs no training nor pruning; left alone it will show its own true grace.

A highly ornamental shrub in the fall and early winter is the *Euonymus*, variously known as the Strawberry Tree, Spindle Tree, Burning Bush, and Wahoo. The brilliantly colored, peculiarly-shaped fruit, sometimes likened to a cardinal's hat, covers the shrub in the greatest profusion and makes it one of the finest for ornamental purposes.

The color of the fruit varies in different species; in some it is of a deep red color, in others rose or pink, crimson, scarlet, and cream, and there is a white variety. The capsules open in the fall, like those of the Bittersweet, displaying bright orange and scarlet arils hanging on slender threads. The fruit usually remains on the branches until late fall or early winter. In some species the leaves turn a purplish red in autumn lending additional

beauty to the shrub. Some species attain almost the height of trees, but most of them are classed as shrubs. Altogether the *Euonymus* is one of the grandest ornamental shrubs we have.

The Black Alder, *Ilex verticillatus*, is a valuable but much neglected native shrub. In the summer it is so absolutely unobtrusive that one scarcely notices it; but when the leaves drop, the scarlet berries which crowd the branches glow with dazzling color, producing a wonderfully showy effect. The berries remain on until late winter. If the leaves were only evergreen, it would far surpass the Holly as a decorative shrub. As it is, it is well worthy of cultivation and most nurserymen catalogue it, some under the name of *Prinos*. Naturally it grows in wet soil, but it accommodates itself very well to less favorable situations.

The High Bush Cranberry, *Viburnum opulus*, is another native shrub seldom seen in cultivation but in every way deserving of attention. It has fine broad foliage which takes on bright tints in autumn; the flat cymes of white blossoms render the bush attractive in spring, and the clusters of brilliant scarlet fruit which begin to color in July and remain on the branches all winter, make the shrub very ornamental. The fruit is edible and highly esteemed so that the shrub is both useful and ornamental. Although it grows naturally in moist ground, the Cranberry succeeds well in any location.

The fruit of many of the *Roses* is decorative and frequently remains on the bushes until late in the winter. *Rosa rugosa*, whose beautiful dark green foliage and large single flowers make the bush so attractive in summer, has very large and brilliantly conspicuous berries, or haws, in the fall. *Rosa multiflora Japonica*, has immense clusters of pure, satiny white flowers about an inch across, single, with a cluster of yellow stamens in the center, and is very fragrant. The flowers are followed by large panicles of bright fruit, very showy and beautiful, especially when seen in contrast with the snows of winter.

That old favorite, the Snowberry, *Symphoricarpos racemosus*, makes a pleasing addition to the landscape with its snow-white berries growing on the ends of the drooping branches, and lasting well into the

winter. The shrub has many good qualities, as it will grow in any soil, fill in corners and spaces where almost no other plant will flourish, and is excellent for planting under trees and on dry gravelly banks. The leaves fall early and the berries make the prettiest show if the bush is planted in front of evergreens, or shrubs which retain their foliage late in the season.

The Barberry, or *Berberis*, makes one of the most beautiful specimen shrubs, and should be in even the smallest collection. The bushes vary in height from two to six feet and the different species offer a great variety in leaf, flower, and fruit. The showy yellow and orange flowers in May or June are succeeded by bright-colored fruit, which, though small, is produced in such profusion as to cover the branches, as shown by illustration at top of page, and makes it one of the most ornamental shrubs in cultivation. *Berberis vulgaris*, the common Barberry, is the species most generally cultivated. It bears a profusion of fruit which remains on the branches until the new leaves start in the spring.

Berberis Thunbergii, or Thunberg's Barberry, a Japanese species, has been pronounced "the finest shrub." It is very symmetrical and seldom needs to be trimmed. The foliage changes to beautiful coppery red in the fall, remaining a mass of crimson and gold for weeks, and the bright coral-red berries are persistent on the bush all winter. It is dwarf in habit and especially adapted for low, ornamental hedges.

The Purple-leaved Barberry has rich purple foliage and scarlet fruit. It is a beautiful shrub and largely used for contrast with plants of light-colored foliage. Some species bear dark purple fruit and are desirable for variety.

The profusion of fruit often weighs the slender, drooping branches to the ground, and makes the Barberry very ornamental. It is equally desirable for growing in masses, in front of taller shrubbery, as a single specimen on the lawn, or as an ornamental hedge. The fruit is acid, but agreeable, and makes delicious preserves and jelly.

The few shrubs which I have named are all desirable, and any of them would add brightness to the fall and winter outlook, but could I have only one, I think my choice would be a Barberry bush. I would give it ample room for full and graceful development and find something to admire in it all the year round.

Florence Beckwith.



THUNBERG'S BARBERRY.

THE WINTER WOOD.

Tall gums and poplars arabesqued in white,
And, written fine, bird hieroglyphs that tell
Where in this frost-flowered stillness sparrows dwell,
And splendid cardinals robed in crimson light.

The path is lost: the old familiar way
A thing of memory: the shallow stream
Where many a lily used to lie and dream,
A chain, long-linked of broken white and gray.

All delicate, feathery things find here a place
With not a breath to mar their loveliness;
The meanest bush wears here an angel's dress,
The lowliest weed is draped in priceless lace.

The light grows dimmer, overhead the sky
Draws slowly earthward, and a little flake
Comes trembling down as if it feared to break
The sleep of silence with its falling sigh.

Ingram Crockett in Youth's Companion.

COMPENSATION.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

In a garden of plants grew one whose every effort to bloom was thwarted. As fast as it put forth buds the gardener ruthlessly cut them off. Though failing to understand this cruel treatment, the plant didn't despair for it felt the springs of power within it, and believed it would yet succeed, because it must.

However as the season advanced, and no bud was allowed to develop, it gave up trying to show what it could do in the way of blossoming, shut all its hopes and aspirations within its heart, and gave its full energies to the production of leaves only, so that the passer-by, looking for bloom, spoke derisively of it, saying, "Nothing but leaves!" As in time its leaves yellowed and died, it bitterly denounced itself and its fate. "To what end," it questioned, "did I come into the world, if this is all? Better 'twere that I had never known existence! To what purpose have I hoped until death?"

Though to all appearance dead, and not able to retain even one of its green leaves, yet deep in its heart it cherished still the bud of its secret hopes and aspirations. When naught remained of it but a brown-skinned bulb deep in the earth, the gardener came and removed it, and laid it away in the cold, away from the sweet influences of the sun and rain of its evening time, when in some way it had hoped there might yet be light. So, life and hope being ended, it lay as in a valley of dry bones.

Then one day the gardener came and placed it in earth again. With the renewed warmth and

moisture its hopes revived, and it put forth bud and leaves as before, and these were left to grow unchecked. The garden of its remembrance withered and perished under the blight of the frost, and when at length it lay a waste of unbroken snow, and winds were howling and storms beating, shut away from this white death the bulb, growing daily more and more beautiful, attained its perfection of bloom. Then one, standing near, spoke and said, "Ye are saved by hope."

H. S. A.

EARLY SPRING PLANTING.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

We will assume that you had forethought and filled a barrel or box in the cellar with earth ready for use. This is easily done by taking a small pail with you when going into the garden or any place where there is suitable soil, filling it, and



BRANCH OF EUONYMUS.

worms cannot reach them if you are careful not to let the soil come to the top of the paper on the outside.

Should you fear frost after setting the plants in the garden, lay a sheet of paper over each plant and lay dirt on the edge to keep it from blowing away. The papers may be left on several days without injury and will protect from quite a hard frost.

*Eleanor R. Bartlett.
Minnesota.*

HYACINTHS IN FLOWER.

Written for Vick's Family Magazine.

I hope every flower-lover set hyacinth bulbs in autumn that the beautiful blooms may now be coming forward as late winter days draw on. Winter's reign is yet unbroken although we know that spring is close at hand even though snow piles high without. A good snow storm is a good thing, as he who is in touch with nature knows and we enjoy our window bulbs all the more when storms are raging without.

From the cellar we bring the potted Hyacinths which are sending up sturdy, stiff green leaves with the flower-bud already forming in the center. Give them

clear light in a cool room. Many amateurs make the mistake of placing their hyacinths in a sunny sittingroom window with the temperature of the room at summer heat, and when the flowers wilt and turn dark around the edges—wonder why. Hyacinths to do their best should not be placed between the sun and the fire but in a cool room as stated. I often place the pots in a west window, changing about from west to east thus avoiding too much sun. After the flowers are fully open the bright rays of the sun cause them to wither, but placed upon brackets or in a north window, or upon a little shelf or other attractive place that may suggest itself, they will keep fresh much longer.

Hyacinth bells are beautiful flowers either Roman or Dutch bulbs. Though the flowers of the Roman are smaller, the fragrance is sweeter than the heavily-odored Dutch. The bulbs should be watered occasionally with a little luke warm water, but do not require much moisture.

I hope you purchased all the Hyacinths you could possibly afford in the fall and are now reveling in their sweetness and rich beauty.

Massachusetts.

Cousin Delight.

"Help thou thy brother's boat across, and lo! thine own hath reached the shore."



EUONYMUS.

then carrying it to the cellar the next time you have occasion to go there. In this way a barrel is soon filled with almost no trouble, and you have a stock of earth ready for all needed purposes.

Now for your very earliest cabbage, cauliflower, eggplant and tomatoes you can fill an old tomato can with soil, sow your seed, and lay over it, after sprinkling on a little soil, a thick, wet flannel, and put in a warm place, almost any time after midwinter, occasionally setting the can on the shelf over the stove a half hour. When the plants show their second leaves, (of course you will have removed the flannel at the first signs of their peeping through the soil), they may be transplanted.

Take some sheets of newspaper about as large as one of the leaves of this magazine, cut crosswise in the center, fold down about two inches of one of the long sides, roll the paper around the hand and tuck one end inside the other under the fold. This will help to hold it in position. It is very quickly done when you once get the knack of it. Set these circles close together in a box and fill the circles with fine soil and set a plant into each circle. Now with ordinary care they will develop into sturdy, healthy plants and when you are ready to put them into the garden you can do so without disturbing the roots, and the cut-



CLIMBING BITTERSWEET.



Talks About Flowers

By
BENJAMIN B. KEECH



CATALOGUE DAYS.

A Happy New Year and many of them. May your gardening operations throughout 1903 meet with complete success. This is the month when the seedsmen's catalogues, rich in many colors and enticing offers, make their appearance; and if the enterprising flower grower could have his own way, he would at once order the entire contents; but, this being impossible, he sends for what he has to have, and lets it go at that. It is sometimes a good thing that we cannot have all the flowers we would like, and the person who owns only a small plot of ground is not always to be pitied. Those who can procure only a few seeds and plants, but who can and will care for them as they ought to be cared for, are the ones that deserve the laurels, and they generally get them, too, in form of fine, thrifty plants and large, rich blossoms.

Don't be discouraged, if you cannot send for every flower to which you take a fancy. Confine yourself to a few favorites; or, if you wish, try some new varieties in place of the old standbys, and resolve to give them the best care and culture possible. Resolves without determination to carry them out are as good as none at all. One of your New Year resolutions should be to make the coming garden a complete success. It is none too early to begin the work now—on paper and in your head—and during the winter you should study considerably on how you can improve your surroundings. It will pay.

The person with only a limited amount of ground to cultivate will not have to plan so extensively as others, yet he will have his own problems to solve. If he fills every available space with anything that comes handy, he will discover his mistake, sooner or later. A plant should have sufficient room in which to grow decently, no matter whether it is in a five-foot garden or a five-acre one. A small yard may be made quite as tasty and attractive as larger grounds, but one's own ideas will have to be used in planning for it. Some other person's advice will not always do. A few things, however, should be observed. The plants should not be crowded to death, they should preferably be kept in beds or masses, and if possible, a little strip of lawn should be cultivated. If you have a fence for a background, plant the tallest varieties first. Each flower should preferably be grouped by itself. The fence should be covered with flowering or ornamental vines.

Large grounds will permit of broader treatment, but the same general rules should be observed. Avoid spotty planting—that is, a plant scattered here and one there—and have a nice lawn to add contrast. The flower garden proper should have a place by itself, either at the sides or back of the house. Choice shrubs and beds of ornamental plants may be placed wherever they will be most needed. In planning for a walk or carriage drive, let it, if possible, be curved. This can probably be done with the former if not the latter. If the walk curves to the east, plant shrubs or have a flower bed on the west side of it, and vice versa. This is to give the idea that the flowers are the cause of the walk curving out, away from them, and the effect will be perfectly

natural, while otherwise it would not. Of course, a narrow margin of greensward should be left between the flower border and the walk. In the new ground, some attention should be given to the planting of trees. Maples are always desirable for shade, and among smaller ornamental trees may be named the cut leaved birch and Japanese maple. If you cannot procure these, a very beautiful effect may be realized by planting willows and evergreens together, at the back boundary of your lot, for instance.

Fruit trees should by no means be overlooked, for one of the most beautiful bouquets that was ever fashioned is a thrifty fruit tree in full bloom. Then, a few months later, it blossoms forth in another way, and perhaps no fruit is sweeter than that plucked from one's own "vine and fig tree." However, I am in danger of wandering from my subject, and we will now turn to another department in the catalogue where we will consider

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS.

These are two of the most worthy and satisfactory classes of plants that any one can cultivate. Among favorite annuals may be named the aster, which has been given so much encomium that it



SCABIOSA

would seem as if its head must be turned. However, I think it would be difficult to overpraise this excellent flower. It has every desirable point except fragrance, and the person that would not forgive it this one small lack must indeed be hard to please. We now have a yellow aster, which we previously longed for but lacked, and there are many other beautiful and delightful shades from which to select; such as shell pink, peachy pink, rose, soft lilac, deep red and purple black. Then, we have small flowered and medium flowered, besides large flowered and chrysanthemum flowered. Also, short, tall and branching varieties. It is difficult to tell just which class is the most desirable, and one can only form an opinion by experimenting with as many varieties as possible.

I shall pass by pansies, phlox Drummondii, verbenas, dianthus pinks and nasturtiums, for nearly every one knows them, or at least ought to, and they are just as satisfactory and obliging now as they ever were, only very much more so. I would like to interest you now in some other annuals that are not so well known as their merits deserve; and among the plants that I hope you will try this year, let me name the salpiglossis. The colors shown in these flowers are peculiarly rich, like satin, and the blossoms are penciled and

veined after Nature's own inimitable method. Sow the seed in the open ground, in May. Let the soil be light and fine. Use plenty of leaf mould, sand and old manure and the plants will reward you with large quantities of rich blossoms.

The petunia is almost a different flower from what used to be, and if you have never grown it before you will undoubtedly meet with many pleasant surprises. A light, mellow soil should be given, but excessive richness produces more foliage than flowers. The calliopsis and bachelor's button (centaurea) are also much improved and will add greatly to your garden. The former comes in light and dark yellow, splashed with dark browns and reds; the latter are blue, purple, pink, white, etc., and a most beautiful bouquet can be made by grouping the white, pink and blue varieties together.

Although inconspicuous, the mignonette is a very sweet flower, and should be given a corner of your garden to itself. The scabiosa is beautiful; and, with its graceful, wiry stems may be made into very pleasing bouquets, in rose bowls and tumblers. Although blue is lacking, it has a range of color from white to maroon, and will surely delight one, if given half a show. The ten week stock should, by no means, be overlooked, for it has many different colors, and the plants are in all ways obliging. Many varieties of marigolds and poppies are quite beautiful, and deserve a place in every flower garden. The snapdragon (antirrhinum) is only half hardy, but it is a very pleasing perennial. The colors are principally white, yellow and red, but these do not always appear in the same flower. Next to the phlox and hollyhock I consider the larkspur to be our most satisfactory perennial. Sow the seed in the open ground in May, and by the next summer the plants will favor you with their large, attractive blossoms of white, blue, pink, etc. Larkspurs grow larger and better every year, and after

a while it may become necessary to take divisions from the roots, in order to give them sufficient breathing space. There are half a dozen distinct colors, and in order to provide yourself with a genuine treat, procure them all.

The hollyhock is desirable because it makes a good background for shorter plants, and because the flowers embrace many pleasing colors, such as soft pink, light yellow, salmon and deep maroon. They do not flower the first season, but should be expected to do well the second, third and fourth year after planting. The foxglove (digitalis) is an obliging and satisfactory perennial. It doesn't care so much about direct sunlight as most other plants and may be formed into handsome masses in shady corners of the flower garden. Sow out of doors and when large enough transplant to where they are to remain. The campanula is pretty and graceful, the perennial poppy is bright and dazzling and the perennial phlox is extremely satisfactory and floriferous.

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS.

The general rule is to discard fall planted bulbs after they get through blooming, and this advice should be considered where the bulbs are not

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Some Iron Clads

BY DART FAIRTHORNE

After eleven years of endeavor in horticultural directions in this state,—of observation and experiment—of many failures and some successes, I think it safe to say that there are few plants, shrubs, or trees adapted to this latitude which may not be successfully grown in Nebraska if by some artificial means water be supplied in unlimited measure.

It must be taken into consideration that widely diverging natural conditions prevail in passing from the eastern to the central and western sections of the State and that it is for the dryer central portion that I speak. Trees are large and plentiful in the undulating lands of the eastern counties. With a few exceptions as to sorts and locations they have for the most part to be pretty carefully nurtured to do well away from the water-courses of the middle portion, and in the dry, arid lands of the western part of the state if trees are grown at all it is at the cost of vast pains and toil; Nature not having yet included them in her scheme of decoration for the far West.

Of the three essentials to growth, light, heat and moisture we have the two first; but Nature it must be admitted is a little grudging to us most seasons as to the third essential. Given but a more generous rainfall and I know not to what lengths Nebraska might go in arboreal and horticultural directions. Her soil is of the richest, her productive possibilities beyond question; and the sweeping winds which prove her vegetation's deadliest foe, die down to gentle breezes when air and soil are sufficiently supplied with moisture. Yet even with this drawback our people should not be discouraged; for with multiplying groves, orchards and timber-belts, and the breaking up of the buffalo grass sod, which turns water like shingles, the air grows more humid, rainfalls more frequent, and the conditions of success more assured.

Government did a great thing for the beauty and the bettering of the atmospheric conditions of the country, when the tree-claim system was established. Through ignorance as to their value, and having served their original intention of securing the land, these tree-claims were fast becoming obliterated through neglect when Sterling Morton came to the rescue, and Arbor Day became a fixed institution in our State. Under this stimulus tree planting is much increased, old timber belts are being reclaimed, new orchards are putting out, and even with the odds against us, our homes are coming to be embowered in beauty, our village and city streets, court-house squares, and parks are regularly planted with orna-

mental shade trees, and one country road that I wot of as level and smooth as a city boulevard for eighteen miles in extent, is shaded on either side with giant cottonwoods, whose great

arms almost meet over head with hardly a break in their stately ranks for the whole distance. What has been done, can and will be done again to the vast advantage of our State and people.

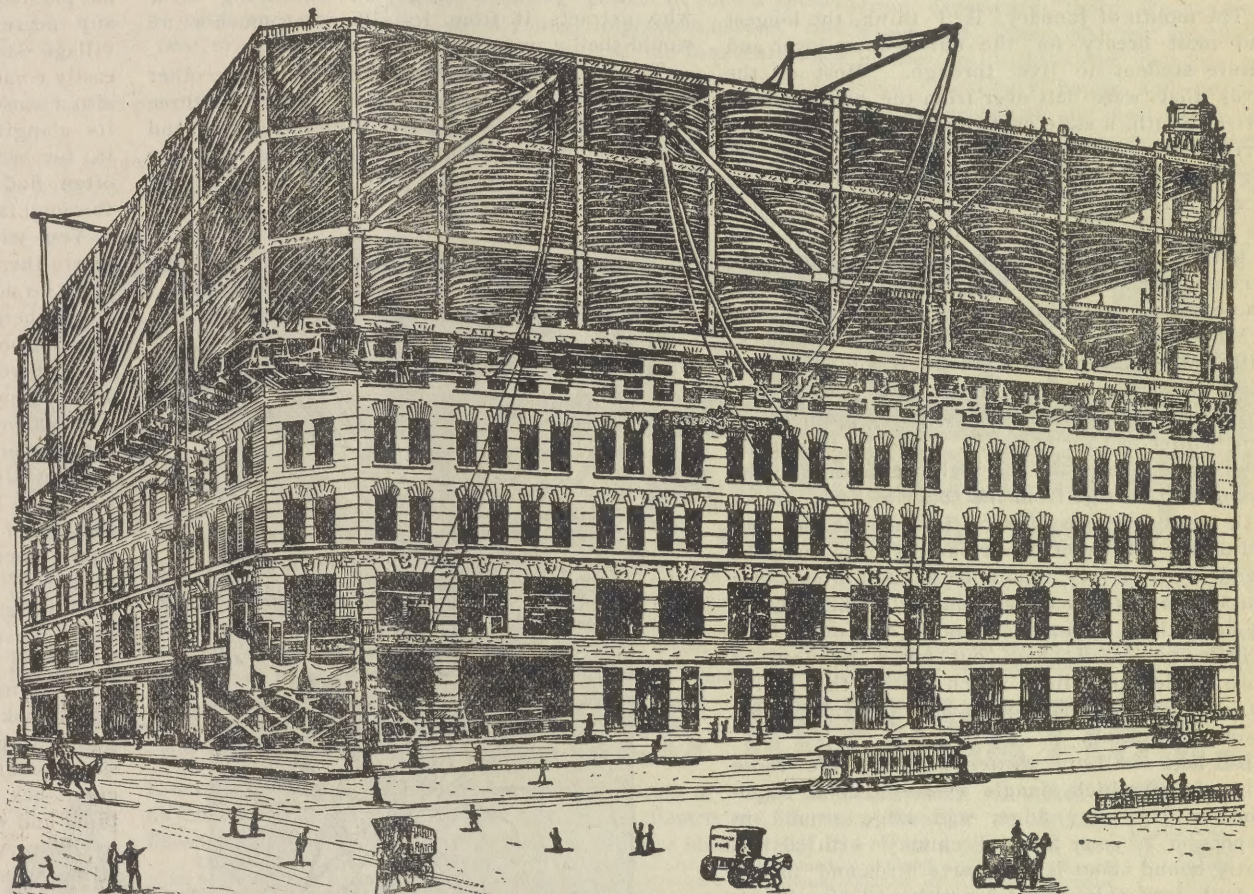
While we are engaged in a hand to hand struggle with Nature to compel her to yield to us the treasures which she withholds so jealously, while we wrest inch by inch from the elements, our fields, our orchards and our groves,

we have little time to dally with the finer things of the garden. What our people want is a few ornamental trees, shrubs and plants to make the home place beautiful, which will come along and give a reasonably good account of themselves with but the minimum of care.

What best to plant for this purpose our Horticultural Stations will soon be able to tell us upon authority.

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THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE LABORATORY IN THE WORLD



THE NEW FIREPROOF SWAMP-ROOT LABORATORY, NOW NEARING COMPLETION.

(Sketched expressly for VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE.)

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Whoever goes to Binghamton, as I did, will find a much alive, brisk city, with beautiful, wide, asphalted streets and charming residential sections. Its business streets are decked with handsome business buildings and public institutions, but none of them can compare in magnitude and beauty with the new Swamp-Root Laboratory now nearing completion. This tall, towering building is the first object that confronts the eye upon alighting from the train at the railway station.

The building itself is remarkable, because when finished it will be the finest, most scientifically built, and best equipped medical laboratory in the world.

It was the pleasure of Vick's Family Magazine to send a representative to inspect this building, and from the standpoint of an architect, scientist and searcher after the beautiful, I can say, with warmth, that the trip from Rochester was well worth while.

Hundreds upon hundreds of the readers of Vick's Family Magazine owe their restored health, and the restored health of their friends, to Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy,

and I am sure they will be interested in my brief description and the photograph of the new Laboratory, where, beginning with the new year, Swamp-Root will be compounded.

The magnitude of the building is not all. It will stand for centuries. It has the finest of modern steel construction, with fire-proof masonry and cement arches, not a piece of wood is used in its structure. It is situated on the most central and commanding site in the city, and has a frontage of 231 feet on Lewis Street, 345 feet on Chenango Street and 407 feet on Lackawanna Avenue; its floor space amounts to the astonishing area of four and one-half acres, and is to be devoted exclusively to the Swamp-Root business.

The building is eight stories high, built of steel, granite and light colored brick, and its architecture is of the most pleasing style.

As is the present Laboratory, so will the new one be equipped with the very latest scientific apparatus for the compounding of Swamp-Root, the demand for which has so greatly increased that the mammoth new laboratory became an absolute necessity.

A convenient switch connecting with

the main lines of all railroads entering the city runs direct to the doors of the shipping department.

After going through this new structure as well as the present Laboratory, the writer was surprised to see the immense scale on which Swamp-Root is prepared.

But when an hour later, I sat in the offices of Dr. Kilmer & Co. and had the pleasure of seeing many hundreds of the thousands of unsolicited testimonial letters, from all parts of the world—letters written by grateful men and women cured by Swamp-Root, I thought these people did just as you and I would do. They sat down and wrote their thanks for what Swamp-Root had done for them and asked that their testimonials be published in order that all might know of this wonderful medical discovery.

Having seen a little mountain of these letters, each bearing the imprint of sincerity, no one would wonder that this business has increased as it has, and that the largest and finest laboratory in the world is needed and forthcoming.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that they can obtain free by mail, a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, by addressing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Through Fields and Woodlands

BY N. HUDSON MOORE



No more the robin pipes his lay
To greet the flushed advance of morn;
He sings in valleys far away,
His heart is with the south today;
He cannot shrill among the corn.

For all the hay and corn are down,
And garnered; and the withered leaf
Against the branches bare and brown
Rattles; and all the days are brief.

Henry Abbey.

The month of January, is, I think, the longest and most dreary for the out-of-doors lover and nature student to live through. Most of the birds that were left over from the autumn have flitted South, a state or two at least, and the first arrivals are tarrying till February before venturing into our snow-bound country. This is the month I take to make a census of nests, to hunt up winter homes of one variety and another, and to gather a skeleton bouquet which shall have various interesting little creatures asleep in it, whose coming will enliven dull days later on.

My first choice is always goldenrod branches, still pretty and graceful in their old age, and many of them bearing on the stem a round ball, which was made by a hard working mother as a snug winter bed for her eggs, which by this time have grown into the chrysalis state, and in the spring will emerge from the ball a little insect with gauzy wings. There is the oak-gall too, and on the tall sweet clover curious bags may be found with a very small neck, and woven of a pale brown silk waterproof and cold-tight. These are hung there by a spider, and in May or perhaps a little earlier, I look out for a hundred or more little spiderlings which grow with a rapidity, and get over the ground with a celerity which is simply amazing.

But best of all my winter bouquets are those twigs from which dangle a heavy cocoon, sometimes as long as my finger and large around in proportion, or some fat and chunky with a leaf neatly bound about it to deceive birds and nature student into thinking it but a dried leaf. These two varieties of cocoons are the most common,

and yet it will take considerable searching to find them, though in nature work it is always the unexpected which happens, and you may walk miles with observant eyes, hunting over bushes and twigs for these elusive cocoons, and then come home discouraged and find them on the bushes in your neighbor's or your own dooryard!

The two kinds we refer to are members of the Giant Silkworm family, and are the *Attacus Cecropia* and *Attacus Prometheus*, and when they emerge as the perfect insect are two of our finest moths. The moth will often measure six inches across its expanded wings which are most beautifully feathered, and ornamented with spots and bands. The silk of which the cocoon is made is extremely

tough, and you fairly need a knife to separate it from its twig. The two cocoons are quite different and you can tell at a glance which variety you have merely by the shape and way it is attached to its branch. The *Cecropia* does not often use a leaf, and the cocoon is spun and attached by its long side to the branch. In the autumn the color of the silk is pale brown, but after the leaves drop off, it soon withers, and becomes a dull gray which renders it much less conspicuous. The chrysalis inside the cocoon is a fat morsel, and much beloved by the hungry and wandering bird, who extracts it from its silken bag much as we would shell a nut.

The cocoon of the *Prometheus* is, on the other hand, often quite securely hidden by two or three leave within which the silk is cleverly spun, and the silk, tough and fibrous binds the leaf to the twig where it originally grew, and this gives the

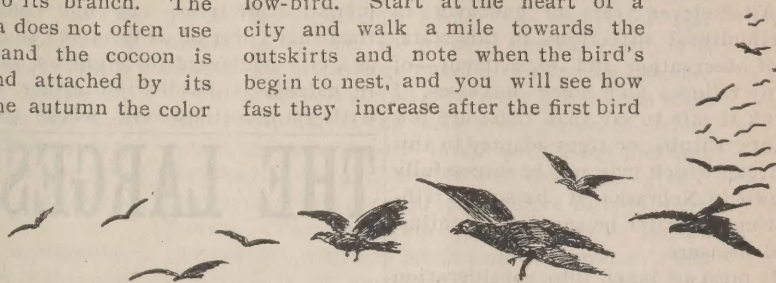


A WINTER BOUQUET.

cocoon firm anchorage. I look for the cocoons on cherry, willow, sassafras or spicewood bushes, generally low down, sometimes very near the ground, while the *Cecropia* chooses higher branches, often tantalizingly out of reach. If you keep these cocoons in a warm room they will emerge early in the season and you will turn the cocoon over wondering, for it seems impossible that so small a hole as you will find in the top of the cocoon will allow so large an insect to emerge. It moistens the silk before it begins to wriggle out, so that it is quite pliable, and it rather slides out for it is very moist and its beautiful great wings are wet and dark. Vigorous fanning dries them and brings out the colors, and it seems a pity that the life of such a lovely creature should be so brief.

All the bird's nests are laid bare, and open to inspection as to how they are put together and what they are made of. If you do not care to

gather the nests you can count how many there are in given localities, how they stand the weather, and roughly what birds have built them. The hanging cradle of the oriole is never to be mistaken, the mud-lined bowl of the robin tells its maker very plainly, and by its daintiness you can generally name the home of the summer yellow-bird. Start at the heart of a city and walk a mile towards the outskirts and note when the bird's begin to nest, and you will see how fast they increase after the first bird



has planted a home, as if it said, "I do not dare go any nearer to the centre of things." As for a village street, the birds fairly love it, food is easily come at, water too generally, and they have also a sense of protection. As for the trolley with its clanging bell I almost fancy they delight in it, for when I follow up a street where it runs I often find more nests than in a more secluded thoroughfare.

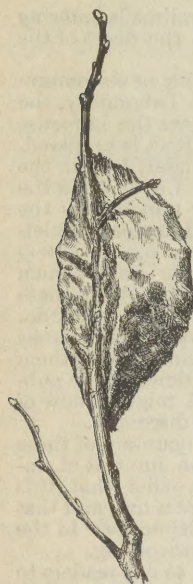
You will find that robins seldom choose a tree where there are other nests. Orioles on the contrary do not seem to mind building in company, with others of their kind, and I found four orioles nests in one large elm, but I think one of them was two years old, it had a very ragged appearance. One seldom sees a bit of horsehair anywhere about, even in barnyards, yet fully ninety out of every hundred nests have some of this useful building material in them. The mystery is where the birds find it, and how they come across the bits of string with which so many nests are strengthened and fastened to the branch. Newspaper is often found, and I heard of three thrushes, nests which were found in one neighborhood, and each one had for its lining a piece of rice paper. Telegraph ticker-paper, cotton from hospitals, rope, human hair, wool, silk, bits of thread and cloth, snake-skin, onion peelings, feathers, grass, yarn, all go into the construction, and last year I saw a paint pot with paint and brush still in it, a cigar box, a rubber shoe, the crotch in a drain pipe, and wagon ruts all utilized as nesting sites.

One very interesting sight which is worth travelling miles to see is a crow-roost, but of course they are few and far between, one sufficing for all the crows living within many miles. There is such a roost within a few miles of the city of Rochester, and there at dusk come thousands and thousands of crows, flying in such dense bands that in the distance they seem like a great cloud.

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ORIOLE'S NEST.



CECROPIA COCOON.



THE MOTHER'S MEETING

By Victoria Wellman

"God could not be everywhere—so He made Mothers."

Hundreds of stars in the lovely sky,
Hundreds of shells on the shores together,
Hundreds of birds that go singing by,
Hundreds of birds in the sunny weather,
Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn,
But only one mother the wide world over.

Some Thoughts for the New Year.

If thou canst not make thyself such
an one as thou wouldst, how canst thou
expect to have another in all things to
thy liking? *Thomas A' Kempis.*

It requires far more of the con-
straining love of Christ to love our
cousins and neighbors as members of
the heavenly family, than to feel the
heart warm to our suffering brethren
in Tuscany or Africa. *Selected.*

The religion that fosters intolerance
needs another Christ to die for it.
Beecher.

To be trusted is a greater compli-
ment than to be loved. Truth is vio-
lated by falsehood, and it may be
equally outraged by silence. *Ammian.*

When you pray for any virtue you
should cultivate the virtue as well as
pray for it; the form of your prayer
should be the rule of your life.
Jeremy Taylor.

Nature sent women into the world
with this bridal dower of Love for this
reason, that they might be, what
their destination is, mothers, and love
children, to whom sacrifices must ever
be offered and from whom none are to
be obtained. *Richter.*

This world is God's world after all.
Charles Kingsley.

Too many have no idea of the sub-
jection of their temper to the influence
of religion, and yet what is changed
if the temper is not? If a man is as
passionate, sullen, resentful, moody,
or morose after his conversion as be-
fore it, what is he converted from or
to? *J. A. James.*

Oh! many a shaft, at random sent,
Finds mark the archer little meant;
And many a word, at random spoken,
May soothe or wound a heart that's
broken. *Walter Scott.*

He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small.
Coleridge.

Poverty is the only load which is
the heavier the more loved ones there
are to assist in supporting it.
Richter.

Pluck wins, it always wins.

Blessed are the peace makers: for
they shall be called the children of
God. *Matthew 5:9.*

One good mother is worth a hun-
dred schoolmasters. *George Herbert.*

The greatest misfortune of all is
not to be able bear misfortune.

Selected.

Let us be merciful as well as just.
Longfellow.

How immense to us appear the sins
we have not committed.

Madame Necker.

Busy Mothers.

How many of you have tried, ere
now, pinning up where your eye rests
on it when doing the drudgery parts
of housework, some short verse or
poem which you cut out because its
words spoke the cheer, gave the
warning or offered sympathy such
as you needed oftener than even your
dearest and nearest could guess? 'Tis
aptly said, "A verse may find him
whom a sermon flies." It has been
the most helpful habit of my life, be-
ginning away back when attending
college, where I had the grand good
fortune to have as roommate an older,
wiser, more cultured girl than the
common lot allows. Few can realize
the molding power of such a person
upon a young, impetuous nature. She
it was who coaxed me into learning a
daily short verse and often these re-
turn to me unexpectedly. When I
found my daily cares were reducing
me mentally to a real drudge it oc-
curred to me to pin up bright verses
before my eyes for inspiration. Be-

cause it was so helpful I urge many
to cut out such of these 'Thoughts'
as appeal to their peculiar needs and
follow my plan. If anyone should
find some heartsease thus I shall be
very glad to know of it.

The Young Mother.

Just what a layette shall contain
depends—depends on such facts as
whether 'tis for winter or summer,
for a babe born to the purple or to the
gray, for a first born who does not
fall heir to preceding toddlers or the
sixth of happy hopes. It should also
depend on a mother's strength and
time.

There are many new ideas and of
these I have already indorsed some
from experience, there are some re-
vised old ideas such as swaddling
clothes up to the three month's pe-
riod. And very happy and healthy
are the nestlings, and most lovely and
very economical their downy nests,
when the new-old swaddling clothes
are used. For winter babies and for
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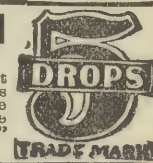
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My Treasure

An Interesting Story In Six Chapters

CHAPTER I.

MY COUSIN PHILIP.

I am a very ill-used woman, and the worst of it is that I cannot indulge in a good fit of ill-temper, because I have professed to be delighted, and moreover, in one way I am delighted. Yet now that the excitement is over, I have a distinct feeling that I have been ill-used, not by any one in particular, but by circumstances. I think it might relieve my feelings to write the story of my woes. "Mary, give me my blotting-pad, please"—there I go again. No Mary answers me, nor will answer me any more. Well, I can reach my writing things, as it happens, so I shall set to work at once.

I am a middle-aged woman (on the wrong side of middle age, so to speak) and a writer of novels. Once for all, let me say, a successful writer. Ten years ago I met with an accident which crippled me for life. I was alone in the world, and when I had recovered as completely as I ever shall, I had to consider what I should do to make my life tolerable. Hitherto I had gone a good deal into society, but that was over now. I ought to say that although I am not poor, I am not very well off, and I write in order to add to my income. I began to think that I would set up a secretary or companion. I have always been a scrupulously careful writer, never describing a place without visiting and examining it. I wanted my companion to do this for me now, therefore she must not be a mere girl. She must be musical. She must read

well. She must have an angelic temper, because I have no such thing. In fact, she must be a treasure! And rather than have any one who did not seem likely to prove a treasure, I would get on alone as best I could.

I was hard at work embodying these wants in the form of an advertisement, when a knock at the street-door made me hastily conceal my paper: it was not to every visitor that I would give so good an opportunity of laughing at me.

"Will you see Mr. Mauleverer, ma'am?" inquired my parlor-maid, and in a moment more he was in the room.

My cousin Philip—the Honorable Philip Mauleverer, to give him his full distinction—was the only son of my first cousin, Lord Mauleverer. In his early days he had been one of the most delightful young men you can imagine. Gay, kindly, bright, and clever—very clever, they told me. I forget the record of his Oxford successes, but it was a good one. He was also a first-rate cricketer, and a splendid horseman, as befitted his name. He was particularly proud of his driving, and many a time have I suffered a small martyrdom perched up beside him in a high, sketchy-looking vehicle, while he made his two frisky Irish horses spin along—driving tandem, too, a thing which I think ought only to be lawful in very quiet country places. That was—let me see—ten years or so before my accident. Philip was making holiday then, having left college, and not yet having got the appointment in the diplomatic service of which his father's services and his own promise had secured him an offer.

He was a splendid-looking fellow in those days. Not handsome, for his features were by no means regular, but he had such a winning look and such an irresistible smile—as full of glee and mirth as most laughs. He was very tall, and there was a look of easy strength about him that to look at him was quite refreshing.

I was very fond of Philip, and only that morning I had been thinking of those old days; and I suppose this made the change in him strike me more than usual. He looked as strong as ever, and as kind, yet he was changed so utterly that it was hard to believe that he was the same man. It was hard to say in what the change consisted. Something was gone, that had made the brightness of his face; something was added, that made his smile as sad as once it had been gay. His eyes had a patient look in them, and his voice had quite lost the old glad ring, and was level, gentle, and somewhat monotonous.

"Well, Frances?" he said, "how goes the world with you? What! have you betaken yourself to your pen already? You are certainly a brave woman!"

"I must write, you know, or leave this house and live in a very different way. Besides, I should miss the occupation. But I am only drawing up an advertisement now; I want a companion."

He took the half-written paper from under my pad, and read it: the shadow of his old smile passed over his face as he laid it down.

"Fan, why not say simply, 'I want something between an angel and a blue-stocking?'—it would save trouble."

"I know it is absurd; but if I can not get something like what I ask for, I shall rub on as best I can alone. I knew you would laugh at me, and you're dying to say, like some one I have heard of, 'If I find what you want, I shall make her my wife, not your companion.'"

As I said the word wife, I knew what had been the trial that had changed Philip—his face betrayed him. Only his face—he answered in his usual tone.

"Remember, you are to write me an account of the interviews between you and those who are bold enough to reply to that challenge. I shall be very curious to hear of them."

"You are returning to Vienna, then?"

"Yes; my leave is over." And he sighed slightly.

"You think your father quite well? all at home well?" said I, rather anxiously.

"My father? he is surely the most wonderful man in England. To see him ride to hounds—he has not his equal in the fields, even yet."

"But, at his age, he ought to know better," said I, laughing. "It is surely too much for him. But your father is more of a boy than you are, Philip."

"Yes; there is not much of the boy left in me, is there? But, then, I am two-and-thirty—and a diplomatist, at your service."

"True; yet I could wish to see something of the bright young cousin who led me such a life when he first discovered my scribbling propensities, and that I wished them to remain secret for a time."

"What fun we had!" he said, in the same indescribably level way. "Do you remember the morning when I persisted in reading a chapter of your first novel at the breakfast-table and my father thought I had gone crazy?"

"And said, 'I should not have



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"I thought that sentimental stuff would have suited you, Philip."

"And you nearly betrayed yourself in your wrath at the 'sentimental.' Those were happy days," he concluded, absently.

"Yet, even then, do you know what I thought of you, Philip?"

"Of me? that I was a good model for the 'bold, bad man,' with the sinewy arms, muscular legs, and columnar neck, I suppose."

"No; I thought that you had a secret, and that one day in the music room, when I had been singing for you, you were very near telling your faithful friend and cousin all about it. You even said that I might help you, but Edith came in, and you said no more. Next day you left us. Phil, it seems to me that if you wanted help then, you want it more now—"

"Stop, Frances; no one can help me. You have guessed so much that I may as well be frank. I cannot speak of it—the grief that has clouded my life; but I can say this much, neither you nor any one else can help me. I must 'dree my weird.'"

"O Philip! at your age?"

"Life may be practically over at two and twenty," he said; "it was so with me."

I could not help crying, for I was weak from much suffering, and I am very fond of him.

"Dear Fan, how kind you are! Some day, when I am so old that the wound has ceased to throb, I will tell you all about it. Till then, let me be silent; that is the only kindness you can show me."

I dried my eyes and began to speak of other things, and he followed my lead with his usual gentle indifference. We talked of his younger sister's marriage, of his own profession and prospects.

"You used to have plenty of healthy ambition," said I; "how comes it that you have not yet made your mark?"

"I have none now—no ambition, I mean. I am very well as I am. Now I must say goodbye, dear Fan. I wish I left you as active as when I went to Vienna first; but that's a foolish speech, for these things do not come upon us by accident. Give me a kiss for old affection's sake, and mind you tell me how your advertisement speeds."

When I was alone, I cried again very heartily. I was full of pity and of wonder (you can call it curiosity if you like) for it was plain that Philip had a story, and a sad one; and I knew that not one of his own people suspected it. Presently I went back to my writing, pruned and altered, wrote and rewrote, sending finally a much shorter paper than my first, yet long enough to cost me a mint of money.

In a day or so answers began to pour in. I had desired the writers either to state their age or to send a recently done photograph. Well, I got thirty-eight letters in two days. Eight stated that the writer was "under twenty," ten that she was no longer in her first youth, while the rest sent photographs.

I ranged the twenty photographs before me, and—did not see my treasure. Some were manifestly done years ago—the dress told me that. In fact, there were but three of my unknown correspondents whom I wished to see. So I wrote my thirty-eight letters, and stopped the appearance of my advertisement, which, however, did not save me from both visits and letters. I began to wish I had never advertised. Of the three ladies I had asked to come to speak to me, one was at least seventy, and as deaf as a post; another informed me

that she was herself a novelist, though, owing to the jealousy and unfairness of people whom she would not name—not until we had become real friends—she had never yet published anything. The third, who said she was "under twenty," might with equal truth have said "under fifteen;" a mere school girl, who presently admitted that "Pa and Ma" knew nothing of her visit to me. But she was so tired of taking care of the children! To this aspirant I administered a long lecture, reducing her to tears; then I had to give her tea and cake to console her; finally I sent her home in a very proper frame of mind. If it lasted, her mother had reason to bless my name.

Three weeks passed. I began to think there were no treasures to be found. Friends began to send me their "former governesses," but I would not have a governess. I did not want to be set right every time I opened my mouth. One lady even recommended her own maid, who was "quite a marvel of intelligence," though unfortunately too delicate for her place.

"I'll do without a companion, Essie," said I to my servant, "for really I am plagued to death about it, and not one of these people would suit me."

"Really, mem?" replied Essie—and I changed my mind at once. I could not live without some more congenial companion than—"Really, mem."

CHAPTER II.

MARY SMITH.

The next day I was lying on my sofa thinking whether a new and less ambitious description of the wished-for treasure might not be more successful in luring her into my net—such superior people are perhaps modest—when Essie appeared, saying—

"A lady down-stairs, mem, wishes to know if you will see her? About the advertisement, mem; and her name is Smith."

"I've seen four Smiths already. Essie, do use your senses for once; is there any use in my seeing her?"

"Well, really, mem, I could not take upon me to say. Only—I wish you would see her, mem."

"Ah, well—bring her up," said I; and lay grumbling to myself that these interviews would be the death of me. For though I do not care to dwell on it, it was hard to meet so many pairs of anxious eyes, only to disappoint them.

"Miss Smith, mem," said Essie, and a lady came up the room. It is a long room, and I lay by the fire, at the end farthest from the door. I was struck by the grace of her movements—and then I saw, in spite of a painfully shabby jacket, that she had a figure so perfect that she could not have been awkward if she tried. An old, poor, black silk dress—but very neat; a summer cloth jacket, and there was snow on the ground!

I observed all this as she came slowly toward me; she stopped at a little distance from my sofa, and said—

"Miss Mauleverer, I believe?"

The most delicious voice! so soft, so clear; a very young voice too, and I looked up eagerly in her face. I fairly started. Anything so thin, so pinched and wan, I had never seen; and her hair, which was very thick and wavy, was perfectly white.

"Won't you sit down?" said I. "Take that low chair. It is a bitter day."

"I have called because I saw your advertisement, Miss Mauleverer. But it is only fair to tell you that I have no recommendations. I can give no references."

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FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. VanDeman.

Suggestions for January.

Mulching Strawberries:—If any of the strawberry plants were not mulched earlier do not neglect it now. Remember that the next crop depends on the plants being in good condition when blooming time comes. If they are not right then the fruit will be correspondingly scarce and poor. A sled will carry coarse manure or other mulching material, where there is snow or frozen ground, safely over the rows. It will do good and no harm to scatter it right over the snow, but put it lightly right over the center, where the plants are thickest.

Mice and Trees:—Look out for the mice about the roots of the fruit trees during the snowy weather. They will often do a lot of mischief before there is any thought of danger. They only work under a covering, and whether this be grass, mulch or snow that is close to the bases of the trees they are almost sure to gnaw off the tender bark when other food is scarce. It is the short tailed ground mice that do this mischief. The preventive measures are, to clear away all grass and trash for at least a foot in every direction. When snow falls it should be tramped hard while it is soft, and especially if it is damp.

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Mild cases, not chronic, are often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.

This makes it compact and not easy for the mice to dig or burrow through.

Rabbits and Trees:—In some parts of the country rabbit are very bad about eating the bark from small fruit and other trees. They are especially bad on those just planted. I have seen whole orchards seriously injured in a few nights, and had a lot of sad experience of this kind in Kansas in my own orchards. The application of fresh liver grease and various mixtures is only of temporary benefit. The rains will usually wash them off. The best thing of this kind that I ever used was Frazier's Axle Grease; but there are differences in these axle greases and one must be very careful to put on none that is injurious. Wrapping the bodies for a foot or more high with rags, paper, hay, or any material that can be put on easily and yet securely is the best preventive. The latter part of the winter is far the most dangerous from rabbits, for their food becomes very scarce in most sections and they will then eat what they would not touch in the early winter months. When all is covered with a crust of snow or ice, is the very worst time. Sometimes a few poor apples or potatoes or vegetables scattered about in the orchard will help to satisfy their hunger and prevent damage to the trees in time of a sudden and very severe spell. Poisoning them to kill the rabbits is dangerous to stock that may get the bated vegetables or fruit. Clover hay will also satisfy a rabbit's appetite.

Apple Root-Grafting:—While it is usually cheaper to buy apple trees to plant than to raise them, it is interesting and not very hard or difficult work to put up a few root grafts, just as the nurserymen do. If this is attempted it must be with seedling roots, such as they use and not those that may be dug up about large apple trees; for the latter will do no good. I have tried it thoroughly and so have many others. Cut the scions the first mild day and pack them in damp sawdust or moss in a cool cellar. Get a little fine cotton twist and after winding it into balls boil them in melted grafting wax. Splice six inch scions onto the upper cuts of the roots, about five inches long, and tie them together with the waxed thread. Bind them into small bundles, label securely and pack in damp sawdust or moss until springtime. Plant in nursery rows, leaving the tops about two inches above ground and cultivate well all summer. In this way the

children may be taught a useful lesson and some nice trees, true to name, can be grown at home with little expense. Trees of varieties that cannot be bought may be secured in this way.

How to Eat the Pomelo.

The large, lemon-colored citrus fruit that we see in the fruit stores is really very appetizing and delicious when once we understand how to eat it. Well do I remember that some two years ago it was almost impossible to sell pomelos for enough to pay their freight charges from Florida to our northern markets. The public had not then learned how good they were, and mainly, because they did not know how to eat them. Since then this has become the highest in price of all the citrus fruits, sometimes selling at wholesale for \$10 or \$12 per box. Its culture has extended to California, where it is usually called by its right name pomelo and not the senseless one 'grape-fruit.' But the Florida product seems to be the best.

The rind of the pomelo, unlike that of the citron, orange and most lemons, is quite bitter and far from pleasant to the taste. It should never be handled with the fingers in such a way as to get it into the mouth. The fruit should be cut in two crosswise of its axis, the seeds removed and the pulp and juice eaten with a spoon. Some like it sprinkled with sugar, but this is all a matter of taste. One soon learns to like the slightly bitter flavor. There is no fruit that is more wholesome, and for malarious troubles it is almost a specific remedy.

The Black Ben Davis.—The Gano Controversy.

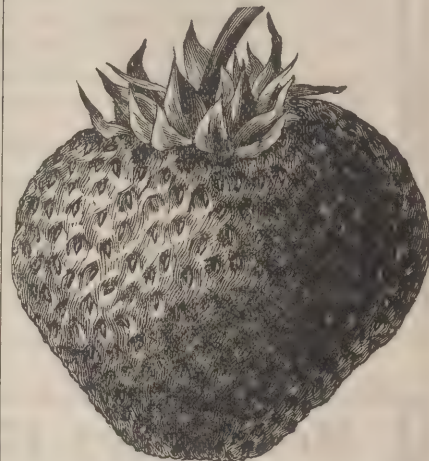
It has been a matter of sharp contention for some time past as to whether or not there were one or two varieties of apples going under the two names Gano and Black Ben Davis. I was long in doubt on this point myself, and from the samples of the fruit I had seen up to this Fall, believed they were only two names for the same variety, or two of separate origin that were indistinguishable. The first three days of last October I spent in Wash-

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In spite of the doubt, if you'll fight it out,
And show a heart that is brave and stout;
If you'll laugh at the jeers and refuse the tears
You'll force the ever reluctant cheers
That the world denies when a coward cries,
To give to the man who bravely tries;
And you'll win success with a little song—
If you'll sing the song as you go along.

Birthday Rhyme for January.

By her who in this month is born,
No gems save Garnets should be worn;
They will insure her constancy,
True friendship and fidelity.

Happy New Year! Can it really be 1903? Father Time seems to run now-a-days. All my Bright Eyes are out sleighing or skating during school holidays I presume and only at night gather round a lamp to read Vick's Family Magazine. I imagine some of you saying, "Well if here isn't more about that Polly again!"

Yes, your Aunt Stella is anxious to stir up such a lot of you that it will fill her desk full with your nice little letters and the stories you copied about birds. And such nice "fillers" for Aunt Stella's Scrapbook! Has any of you as many scrapbooks as your Aunt? Well I consider good scrapbooks equal to an Encyclopedia in the amount you learn from them. Reading those big books is dry work sometimes, but a scrapbook is interesting. Now, I think a scrapbook just full of clippings made by bright readers whom I can love, to thus remember, is the loveliest idea yet! No autograph album can equal it.

And then your rewards. Even selfish people may well consider what they get from their entering this contest. In the first place a postal with your name wins you the fine catalogue named in December as intensely interesting to me. You will find bird magazines, such as "Birds and Nature" or "American Ornithologist" offered very cheaply in clubs with Vick's. And, girls and boys, if you want to be modern and "up-to-date," you simply must study birds—"it's all the style." You will find many stories about birds in daily papers and just look over your old magazines in the attic.

The two subscribers you must send are easily obtained, for "Vick's" is a name of long loved memories, and doing this shows your earnestness to succeed. You may send a few good clippings or many. You may be very young indeed and still have a strong chance. The prize may go to the one best or to the best collection of clippings. I shall examine with keen interest those collections which grow better and better and I should not be surprised if those who send collections

should win a very fine present extra. Collections may come one clipping at a time, only just number them, please.

Aunt Stella loves birds and flowers—especially pansies. She loves her young readers and longs to help them to learn many lovely truths about Nature; the greatest is—birds. Some of you may hear parents say parrots are noisy, nuisances! Well opinions differ. A nice gentle little girl will have a charming parrot whereas the same bird trained by roughness will act like its trainer. I consider them very interesting, and anything which helps create laughter at home is worth while. If parrots are nuisances, why are trained ones worth such large sums? Bird dealers tell me they sell easier than even canaries. Some of you seem not to understand my offer to be as valuable as it is. Then, too, consider the premium given for the two subscriptions. This is all explained in the November issue. You lose nothing, learn much about birds, and may win a valuable prize. Some one will.

Here's a poem which just fits the case. So many will not even try because all they do is done "just anyhow."

The Land of Anyhow.

Beyond the isle of What's-the-use,
Where Slipshod Point is now,
There used to be, when I was young,
The land of Anyhow.

Don't Care was King of all this realm,
A cruel King was he,
For those who served him with good heart
He treated shamefully.

When boys and girls their tasks would slight,
And cloud poor mother's brow,
He'd say, "Don't care! It's good enough!
Just do it anyhow!"

But when in after life they longed
To make proud fortune bow,
He let them find that fate ne'er smiles
On work done anyhow.

And in all love I copy for you the following as most suited to New Year's day reading:

There are ten things for which no one has ever yet been sorry. These are:—For doing good to all. For speaking evil of none. For hearing before judging. For thinking before speaking. For holding an angry tongue. For being kind to the distressed. For asking pardon for wrong doing. For being patient to everyone. For not listening to a tale bearer. For not believing most of the ill-reports.

An Unfinished Story.

Note.—All of you are asked to compete. Write the ending to this story of Sammie's New Year Resolutions. Tell what faults you think a good honest twelve year old boy would cure in himself if he once said, "I won't!" in grim earnest. What three of these faults do you believe are most dangerous to boys who really mean to become good men some day?

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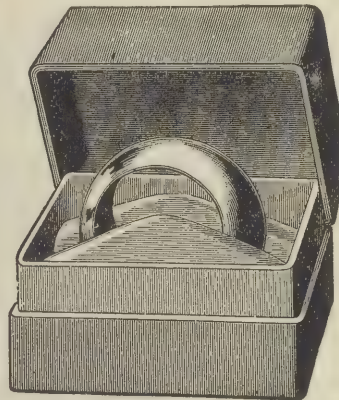
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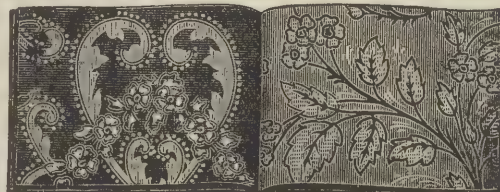
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Doughs and Batters

By Mrs. G. T. Drennan

"We may live without poetry, music or art;
We may live without conscience, and live without heart,
We may live without friends, we may live without books,
But civilized man cannot live without cooks."

Owen Meredith struck the keynote when he touched his harp and sang the importance of cooks. The health and happiness of families depend in great measure upon the art of cooking. It is a comprehensive science, all points being of importance. A failure to understand terms and to misapply directions in one thing involves failure in the excellence of the whole, in cookery. For instance, buckwheat cakes and rolls are wanted for breakfast; bread and pudding for dinner, and wafers or beaten biscuits for lunch. Rolls, bread, wafers, and beaten biscuits are made of dough. Liquid ingredients, such as milk, eggs, water, melted butter or lard, are proportioned to the flour so that it can be kneaded with the hands, and either shaped into rolls, loaves of bread, or rolled to the desired thickness and cut into wafers or biscuits.

Dough and batter are essentially different. Cakes, waffles, muffins and puddings as well as flannel, buckwheat and griddle cakes are all made of batter. A thick or thin batter is not at all indefinite to an experienced cook. Muffins are made of thick batter. That is, a batter that must be dipped up with a spoon, and dropped into the rings or pans. Fritters are not quite as thick as muffins, but fritter batter must be thick enough to drop from the spoon, in which case it will cling to sliced apples, bananas, or whatever the batter is to cover. Fritter batter comes between muffins and waffle batter. Waffles must be of thin batter. The term thin means of a consistency to pour. Griddle cakes and waffles are light and tender when made of batter thin enough to pour. Buckwheat cakes are light and tender when of the thickness of fritter batter.

It is best to test a given recipe without changing an item. If the test is unsatisfactory, the wise cook takes the matter under consideration. Circumstances make for, or against, recipes. Batter in cold weather, for instance, will be thicker than of the same proportions in warm weather. Flour differs also. The oftener flour is sifted the lighter the dough or batter. Dough requires more kneading in cold than in warm weather. The ingredients are stiffer and less assimilative in cold than in warm weather.

A recipe may be strictly correct in theory and in the rules governing proportions, yet the proper consistency of the dough or batter must be obtained by the circumstances or conditions, say, of thick cream or thin milk; eggs well frothed or otherwise; old or new process flour or the temperature of the kitchen—all this leaves considerable judgment for the cook to exercise. Dough as soft as can be handled makes the best rolls, bread, and biscuit, where yeast or baking powder are used. Beaten biscuit and pastry are best made of dough as stiff as possible to work. The less baking powder biscuit dough is handled the better; but the more beaten biscuit dough is kneaded and beaten the nicer the biscuits. Dough for beaten biscuits may be beaten until it blisters and when pulled and broken will snap, but not stretch. This is unleavened bread. Yeast and baking powder breads are leavened. The scientific principle, in all dough making and baking, is to incorporate air in every possible way. The

same is true of batters. By sifting the flour repeatedly, and thoroughly mixing the ingredients of dough, beating the eggs, whites and yolks separately, and all the other ingredients until the batter, before the eggs are added, will bubble, the process of fermentation or formation of dioxide gas does its work effectually.

One kind of bread is never anything but batter. Thick and thin batter are made of Indian corn meal, but never dough. The term "batter bread" is synonymous with corn meal bread. It is of secondary importance, but quite essential for a good and wholesome variety. Egg bread of corn meal is quickly beaten up and in twenty minutes will bake, with crisp, light brown top and bottom crust. Spoon bread is corn meal bread that is a batter, baked in a deep bowl and served in the same, dipped out with a spoon. The following is an old Southern formula for spoon bread that suits the most fastidious appetite:

One cup of sifted corn meal; three cups of boiling water; three cups of buttermilk; two eggs; one teaspoonful of soda; one teaspoonful of salt and one-half tablespoonful of melted lard. Beat the ingredients well together, and pour into a baking bowl. Bake in a quick oven until brown over the top. In the first place, stir the meal and boiling water together until cool enough for the other ingredients.

Corn meal bread requires more milk and eggs than flour, but less butter or lard. Corn meal products all require a quick fire. As a rule dough in all forms requires steady but moderate heat, and batter a quick fire. Although made of dough, biscuits and light bread should not be baked at the same time. The thickness of the loaf requires a longer time to bake. Thin biscuits, corn egg bread and muffins require about the same heat. A quick oven suits them. Rolls of small pocket book size require a quick oven. They should be well risen and started to baking as soon as put in the oven.

Sally Lunn comes between dough and batter. It is, strictly speaking a soft, spongy dough that must rise and bake steadily and not too fast.

Cake comes under the head of batter, but the subject of cake making and baking is sufficiently comprehensive for a separate article.

BEATEN BISCUIT.

Of course I'll gladly give the rule
I meks beat biscuit by,
Dough I ain't sure dat you will mek
Dat bread the same as I.

'Case cookin's like religion is—
Some s'lected, and some ain't.
An' rules don't no more mek a cook
Den sermons mek a saint.

Well, 'bout the 'gredience required
I needn't mention dem,
Of course you knows of flour an' things,
How much to put, an' when;

But soon as you is got that dough
Mixed up all smooove an' neat,
Den's when your genius gwine to show,
To get dem biscuit beat!

Two hundred licks is what I gives
For home-folks, never fewer,
An' if I'm 'spectin' company in
I gives five hundred sure.

Bandanna Ballads.

TEN WAYS TO SERVE OYSTERS.

Each a Good Way.

Raw Oysters.—Along the Gulf Coast, in New Orleans, Mobile and other markets, the law requires oysters, when taken from the oyster beds, to be two and one-half inches from hinge to mouth. At that size, they are fine, and although even one oyster is a good bit of food, five or six raw ones are considered enough for each person served.

Lay the oysters on a salad saucer, and have a quarter of lemon on each. The juice can be squeezed over the oysters by each person, to their taste.

Raw Oysters on Ice.—Heat the bowl of a large kitchen spoon and lay it on a small square of ice, to melt a hollow in the center. Lay the raw oysters in the hollow of the ice-block, and serve on plates, one to each person, allowing five or six oysters to each piece of ice.

Tomato sauce, vinegar, cut lemon and Worcestershire sauce are the condiments each person can choose from, to season the raw oysters.

Oyster Soup.—Allow as much new milk as there is of oyster water, which is salt enough. Boil the milk in one vessel the broth in another. Boil the oysters in the broth until the edges curl up, all around. Then mix milk and broth, oysters and a spoonful of butter, with black pepper, in a hot soup tureen. If crackers are liked with the soup, break several into bits, in the tureen before the soup is poured in, and by all means serve the soup hot, on soup plates just out of the heater.

Rich Oyster Soup.—One pint of sweet cream; one quart of oysters; one-half pint of white stock; two ounces of butter; one ounce of flour; one teaspoonful of ground black pepper and a salt spoonful of cayenne. Drain the broth or liquor from the oysters and put it to boil in a vessel by itself, melt the butter and stock in a sauce pan; stir in the flour and pour in the cream. When the liquor is boiling, drop the oysters in, and let them boil until the edges all turn up; then pour all the ingredients together into a hot tureen and serve.

Broiled Oysters.—Drain the oysters from the liquor and roll them in a cloth to dry. Have a batter of flour, eggs, sweet milk, butter, pepper and salt. Dip the oysters, one by one, into the mixture, and then roll them in cracker-dust. Let them dry for half an hour in the cracker-dust, then put them into the quite hot broiler, lightly greased, and broil five or ten minutes.

Fried Oysters.—Drain, dry, and dip in batter. Roll in cracker-dust and dry again. Have enough very hot lard to cover the oysters and fry them an even brown, on both sides. Drain in an inverted sieve.

Oysters on the Half Shell.—Wash and wipe the shells. Lay them in a hot oven, with the upper shell downwards to prevent the liquor escaping. As soon as the shells open, the oysters are done. Lay the half shell on hot dishes, and season each oyster with pepper, butter and tomato or Worcestershire sauce. Horse radish grated, with vinegar is liked by many persons, with roasted oysters.

Oyster Pates.—Stew the oysters in their own broth or liquor, thicken with flour, season with butter and pepper. Have puff pastry baked in gem pans, patty pans, or any small pan, two inches deep. Lay the seasoned oysters in the pastry shells and dust them over with pepper. An egg or two improves pates. Either chop hard boiled eggs and mix, or beat one or two into the liquor the oysters are cooked in, before going on to the pastry shells.

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In Winter Days.

The days have lost their brightness, and I feel
the dreary pain
Of the winds that sigh around me—of the lone—
some winter rain;
I have but remembered roses and the song of
birds that seem
To be singing to me ever o'er the meadows of a
dream.

I say: "Somewhere the gardens of the Spring
are blooming bright,
And Morning dawns in splendor, and the Love-
stars light the night!"
But the flowers I loved are ashes, and no altar-
fires gleam
Where my soul is ever sighing for the meadows
of a dream.

The dim days have no pity—no promise for the
years;
The stars are stormed from heaven, and the
clouds rain down their tears;
For the face that made the morning has faded
with its beam,
And the promise of the Springtime is the sadness
of a dream.

F. L. Stanton.

Winter Evenings.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

With the first of January comes the
settling down in earnest to the
winter's duties. Up to Christmas
there has been a restlessness, owing
to the approach of the holidays, with
their own peculiar pleasures. There
have been presents to make, and fes-
tivities to plan; and for a short time
after the new-year has started there is
likely to be a sensation of flat-
ness. It comes from the transition
from the holiday gayety and excite-
ment to the hum-drum work-a-day
world.

The best remedy is steady and sys-
tematic work. There is nothing like
a regular habit of employment for
making the days fly swiftly and cheer-
fully. Pleasures become tiresome if
too long indulged in, but a strong in-
terest in any occupation generally
insures continued good spirits to any
man or woman in good health.
If the old proverb holds good that
"All work and no play makes Jack a
dull boy," the contrary is equally
true.

Children, however, cannot be ex-
pected to take this view of the matter.
To them amusement appears the chief
end and aim of existence. They
must be trained that pleasure is all
the greater when it is the exception
and not the rule of life. Parents
should share in their children's oc-
cupations and show an interest in their
home and school duties. The re-
sponsibilities of parents are not shifted
when they have put their boys and
girls in the charge of good teachers.
The thing that is still lacking can
only be found in the ready home sym-
pathy that must await the child in all
its worries and joys. The family
sitting room should always be bright
and cheery. A good light should be
provided. Each one should have his
own chair or corner. If the lessons
can be learned earlier in the day, so
much the better, but if not, a silent
study hour should be observed. The
study time over, there may be a pleas-
ant hour of reading aloud. There is
no better way than this of making

children familiar with good liter-
ature. Such books as "Historic
Girls," and "Historic Boys," Haw-
thorne's "Wonder Book" and
"Tanglewood Tales," "Stories from
Homer and Virgil," "Young Folks
Histories" and many others give
instruction in mythology, history and
travel in such a charming manner
that the child gains information with-
out being aware of it. Nor need you
limit them to children's books. With
a little pains in selection most of the
masterpieces may be read aloud to
them. The elder children may take
their turn in the reading and thus
gain practice in that rare accomplish-
ment. The fingers need not be idle.
The mending and darning can be
done more readily when the mind is
diverted. This is a good time for
making scrap books or mounting
stamps, ferns or leaves. Boys can
keep their fingers out of mischief by
wood carving, drawing or painting.
Every evening need not be passed in
the same way. Some music, games in
which all can join, apples, nuts and
popcorn will give pleasure. By some
thought, the long winter evenings
may be made so delightful and the
home so attractive that neither boys
nor girls will feel tempted to leave
the farm fireside for less wholesome
pleasures.—Belle C. Estes.

The Apple Barrel.

It stood in the cellar low and dim,
Where the cobwebs swept and swayed,
Holding the store from bough and limb
At the feet of autumn laid.
And oft, when the days were short and drear
And the north wind shrieked and roared,
We children sought in the corner, here,
And drew on the toothsome hoard.

For thus through the long, long winter-time
It answered our every call
With wine of the summer's golden prime
Sealed by the hand of fall.
The best there was of the earth and air,
Of rain and sun and breeze,
Changed to a pipin' sweet and rare
By the art of the faithful trees.

A wonderful barrel was this, had we
Its message but rightly heard.
Filled with the tales of wind and bee,
Of cricket and moth and bird;
Rife with the bliss of the fragrant June
When skies were soft and blue;
Thronged with the dreams of a harvest moon
O'er fields drenched deep with dew.

Oh homely barrel, I'd fain essay
Your marvellous skill again;
Take me back to the past, I pray,
As willingly now as then;—
Back to the tender morns and eves,
The noontides warm and still,
The fleecy clouds and the spangled leaves,
Of the orchard over the hill.

—Edwin L. Sabin, in "New" Lippincott.

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here, Tommy?" asked his mother,
peering into the darkness of the hen-
house, whence had been coming for
five minutes or more a series of dismal
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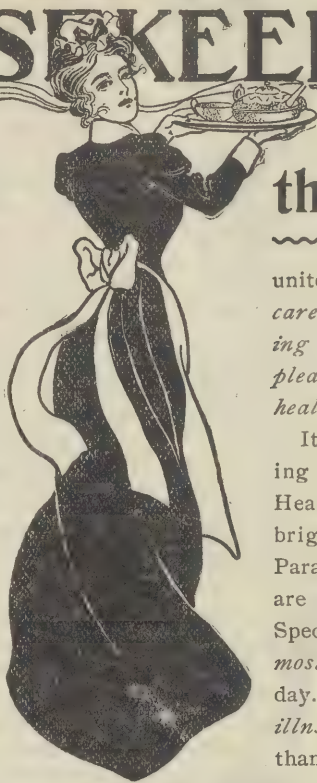
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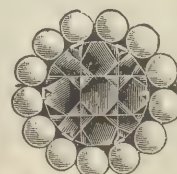
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MOTHER'S MEETING.

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damp, cold climates it is a superior method and the lessening in laundry is the chief item, the small original outlay coming a close second. (Should any mother desire the pattern and full, clearly written directions for such outfit let her address me. I will send clear explanation of this idea and a splendid night robe idea used by me for several children for ten cents in stamps.)

Those of you who read "The American Mother" have noted the commending words of Augusta Harwood, M. D., concerning the swaddling idea. The plan she gives is, however, far less improved than the sweet little outfit I ordered made by a Woman's Exchange and put on exhibit. Its beauty drew crowds of admirers. Its usefulness was easily seen. That was long ago but my opinion of them grows more favorable yearly. Let a "Dorcas Society" make some sets of swaddling clothes for charitable use. The infant Jesus was thus clothed. Those who have not should send a postal card requesting a catalogue about those famous "Gertrude Suits" made by the Novelty Knitting Co., of Albany, N. Y. Delicate mothers who desire to avoid sewing and still desire to have a very economical layette—so daintily made—should either apply direct or at nearest department store and—"seeing is believing;" she can spare herself overwork and baby will be

better dressed. I wish to plead for warmth for all babies, especially winter babies. There is a deal of crying and crossness among American babies where as the little be-capped, be-swaddled German babes are models. Dear little baldheads! How many possess no hair and feel the cold draughts painfully. Earaches, colic, cramps, bronchitis, colds—ah! such a long list where proper dressing would prevent. Give your baby a thin wool or silk cap and let who will laugh. Baby surely will, and the beaming face will seem quaintly sweet in a cunning night cap. Furnace heated homes are less trying, of course; but we know how many are born in draughty, stove heated and isolated homes. Experience causes me to put the nightcap among the preventives of croup as well as catarrh and earache.

Two sample layettes are herewith given, one being of the "Gertrude" order. Additions and reductions will be suggested later, and the size of purses considered.

Gertrude Layette: three knit bands (they may follow the first straight flannel strips used while navel is healing, if one is fearful) three vests, one dozen knit diapers, assorted (an idea will be given later for a unique and cheap way to tide over the first and disagreeable stage in diapers) three knit night gowns, if for winter the double sort, three knit underskirts, two flannel Gertrude underskirts, four

bibs, three caps, two wash cloths, four day dresses. Special notice should be given to their unrivaled bath aprons. For creepers their knit leglets are strongly commended as the only device possible to prevent chilled limbs in the babes who creep in winter.

An ordinary layette may contain three straight flannel bands, three shirts (be sure they open down front, unless you buy those happy inventions, the Rubens shirts now sold everywhere) three dozen assorted sizes diapers of cotton or linen diaperine, (washed and boiled to softness) three pairs bootees and three pairs long hose for cool weather, four heavy outing flannel pinning blankets, not made, with heavy muslin bands to be pinned but with a button-holed band to be buttoned to a waist. Note that I advise heavy outing flannel, not flannel. A pinning blanket is meant for keeping tiny feet warm and partly to protect the flannel petticoat, and when outing flannel is used you obtain as much beauty and warmth, with economy and ease in cleansing. Add three sleeveless waists, of flannel for winter, made with small flat buttons in front and with larger buttons to support petticoats, etc. Have tab ends in back to use to pin diapers to, and the comfort of this arrangement is seen when, as is so frequent in early infancy, baby needs wet petticoats entirely changed, as it is so much less work to do so than to roll him up in merciless pinned bands.

Two white petticoats can be made (with bodies if desired) for common use quite plainly of muslin, cambric, etc. One fine one to accompany the best robe may be added. Hand-knit lace of not too large or heavy designs makes a singularly dainty finish. Dresses for day use are called "slips" and while one can keep clean with three, more is better, unless the mother devotes her days to washing—or lets poor baby go dirty. Night slips are so cheaply and well made as well as little bath wrappers in the stores that no busy mother need sew on these.

Two little outing flannel or fine flannel house sacques are more useful than many shawls. Kimonos are quaint and very good shapes for these. A "shawhood" is a true luxury which any baby might covet and it is easy to make.

When buying and making do not overlook baby's bed or omit preparations for coming needs of your own. A bed protector you must have in both instances and after trial of all sorts and grades I firmly believe you can do no better for economy and quality than to use the waterproof bed sheets advertised in Vick's.

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The Mothers Meeting.

babies, by so carelessly running around barefooted, you would prize a pair of felt slippers or a pair of bed socks.

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Mothers, glance at the head piece design of heartsease. Are you flower lovers? Then you have thought of the little baby faces. Everyone loves pansies—I feel them to be symbols. "Pansies for thoughts." And once—there was such a sweet golden-curved, brown-eyed, flower-like girl—four years old, and so thoughtful, so helpful, so peace-loving, and, we said then and know now, so heavenly.

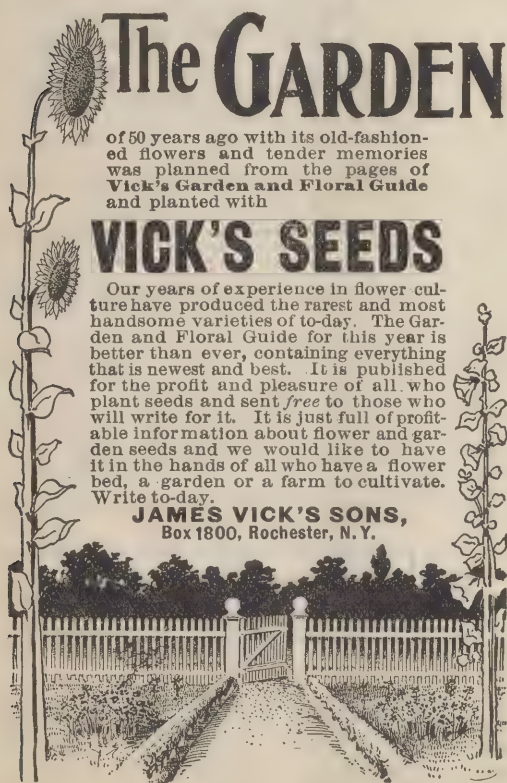
Dear mothers, shall the pansies blooming on her grave mean only tokens of a mother's love, or may I hope that to open my heart will cause such thoughts to bloom as she would love to see?

For she was, she is, "my heartsease baby." Remembering her I strive to sow seeds of kind thoughts, helpfulness and unselfish love by this appeal. You who look ahead with love, you who look back with longing, will you join in my wish, feeble in its loneliness but mighty if you will aid, to have a living tribute to the memory of an angelic child instead of useless regrets?

If you sympathize send to me for pansy seed, and when the beautiful blooms appear we will use them for the outward symbols of our mutual sympathy. The first hundred replying will receive choice seeds gratis, and the others at two cents per package. The thought of 1903 is—Do not judge others. None beneath God can judge justly and mercifully. We do not truly and fully know anyone as God knows him. Tongues may ruin or redeem in unsuspected souls struggles not visible to the careless critic.

Ate the Bill of Fare.

Among the novelties at a recent dinner was an edible bill of fare. It was made of biscuit, and was intended to be devoured with the cheese. This appears to us an excellent idea and capable of expansion. Before very long, perhaps, we may be served with edible knives and forks. Think of the washing-up we should be spared if our guests could consume their plates after each course at dinner.



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A THOUGHT FOR WASHING DAY.

The clothes-line is a rosary
Of household help and care;
Each little saint the mother loves
Is represented there.

And when across her garden plot
She walks, with thoughtful heed,
I should not wonder if she told
Each garment for a bead.

For Cecil's scarlet stockings hang
Beside Amelia's skirt,
And Bilbo's breeches, which of late
Were sadly smeared with dirt.

Yon kerchief small wiped bitter tears
For ill success at school;
This pinafore was torn in strife
'Twist Fred and little Jule.

And that device of finer web,
And over costly lace,
Adorned our eldest when she danced
At some gay fashion place.

A stranger, passing, I salute
The household in its wear,
And smile to think how near of kin
Are love and toil and prayer.

—Julia Ward Howe.

Our Prize Contests

A large number have already sent in articles and stories. Send yours as soon as prepared. You can surely write an interesting and profitable article or story for one of our many contests. Read full particulars and instructions below.

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The contest will close March 25, 1903.
CONDITIONS. We reserve the right to buy at our regular cash rates any MSS. submitted. We desire only practical and helpful matter submitted, and to avoid mere trifles entering the contest we have made it a condition that all entering the contest must enclose 50 cents for a subscription to the magazine either for themselves or another person. Those desiring to submit more than one article may submit three for every two subscriptions sent. A three-year subscription at our special rate of \$1.00 will be counted as two yearly subscriptions. All conditions are plainly given in this announcement and we cannot enter into correspondence with those desiring to enter the contest.

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BRIGHT EYED CIRCLE.

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For the best reply giving sensible reasons why the faults were bad for Sammie, a prize of \$1.00 is offered. For the second, if a boy's six months subscription to "American Boy" (such a lovely boy's paper!) and fifty cents. If a girl comes second, six months subscription to "Youth" (every girl—and boy—loves it) and one of those charming new signet bracelets with your own initial letter engraved on it.

Sammie's New Year Resolutions.

Sammie's eyes were swollen and his face was white. His mother came at his call but she, too, looked white and her eyes were tearful. She asked as naturally as she could what he desired; for Sammie was sick and doing penance all alone in his "jolly nice" room. And it was New Year's Day. Mother had meant him to have such larks and now—"Serves me right," he muttered, "a-smokin'" on New Year's on them blamed cigarettes when I'd promised to never smoke till I was twenty-one."

"I wish I could have my tablet and fountain pen please." Sammie could scarcely look at his mother. How sad she looked! Still he would not say, "forgive me." After she had gone he set to work on framing an elaborate statement of the faults he had and a vow to drop all of them during 19—. Evidently Sammie meant to be an angel. The words ran as follows.—

"I now and forever after vow to cure myself during coming year of all my faults which are.—I. Saying some pretty stiff words." And I guess I'd better look out 'cause it's time or else mother'll catch me at it. 'Tother day I started out with, By—and there was mother, lookin' awful. Pop wouldn't I bet. He'd lick my everlastin' head off'n me! Oh well, guess I'll drop that cause I'll wear a string tighter'n—; Whew! there now, I most up and did it again! Say, ain't habits terrible easy to ketch." Lucky if I escape without mother hearin' me some day when I git fightin' mad at Ned. Don't care! I'll paste his snoot flattern a pancake soon as I'm up! D—him! I mean sneaky little cuss goin' home fast as he could scoot and yellin' 'Sammie's dyin'!' just because I got sicker'n sick 'over my first cigarette. All the fellers "celebrated" that way so, course I did too. Guess I kind o' sorter forgot mother's eyes—S'pose she would faint again if I do lick Ned as I'd oughter. Well then I leave him be—this time. Little brothers are nice sometimes—helpin' do my chores lots too."

II. Cigarettes. Guess one word'll do for that. Ugh—good land. I'm sick again just thinkin' of it! And them fellers laughed! Wish I had 'em here. Say wouldn't I give 'em a thunderin' good thumpin'!"

III. White Lies. Guess I won't say nothin' 'bout black ones cause of

all the women alive my mother is the most particularest goin' all sorts of lies too. Let's see, she names 'em. Acting lies. Silent Lies (maybe I ain't just truthful writing "White Lies"). Purpose Lies. Exaggerations. Yep, that's the list! Hum—"and Sammie carefully scratched out the word "white." "Come to think of it mother says all lies is black."

IV. Swiping and Cooning. Guess I'm sore yet where pop ketched me the night we fellers stole—cooned deaf old Whitlaw's grapes. Lordie! didn't he lick me some! Wust thing of all had to be in bed every night at six for a month—and all the fellers calling "Baby, baby, go to sleep my baby."

V. Using Slang Too Much. Mother hates the word "kid." Its kinder tough—don't see how I kin talk on not using slang."

VI. Being Late to School. That's being late to breakfast, really, cause I always rolls over after I'm called and then, hush! I forgot I was called till mother she comes up stairs that hurt her heart to climb, and says, "Sammie are you sick?" Or pop, he comes up and lays off them quilts and flops me over, and say! I git up quickern greased cats! And when I'm late to school it's great! Get a lickin' there, and one from pop, and mother she always sits down by my bed and tells me a story of some terrible smart man wot never was late nor nuthin. And when she goes she kisses me and says "Sammie, you will be a better boy, won't you?" And no matter how mad I am at pop I never kin stay mad with mother. Bet I've squalled a hull dishpanful some nights cause of her eyes."

VII. Dirty Ears, etc., hum—that means my nails and my hair and not brushin' my clothes. Wonder how Pop ever got to be so all fired clean as he is."

VIII. Teasing Girls. By—stop! I mean shucks! I just can't help teasing girls nohow. Well—I'll stop firing rocks at their feet and stealin' their hair ribbons and puttin' burrs in their hair. That will make me bettern most boys and its no easy job. There's Annie Gause, "little goose." Ain't she larks to tease, eh? Tomorrow I'm going to scare her half to death; the fellers and me—say! blamed if I kin do it now cause of this here New Year's idee."

IX. Bothering Teachers. Say, I'm goin' to stop. Its too much. Can't a feller do nothin' but grin as sweet as sugar and sit straightern telegraph poles and never whisper nor fire spitballs, nor use deaf and dumb language? I am shamed to tease my Sunday school teacher cause she's a peach! But at school I never can stand it."

Sammie grew thoughtful, he sighed; presently his pencil dropped—he was asleep. Mother found him and as she read his list she smiled but sighed. "He said nothing about a hundred small faults—no, not a hundred but so very many. Nor that he goes with bad boys shooting birds, and

runs away without asking, and was nearly crushed by the ice wagon when stealing ice. And lays dynamite or some horrid stuff I can't remember, on the tracks for the trolleys to run over. And goes swimming when I get wild with alarm over where he is, and then has cramps. And is a terror on Fourth of July and Halloween. Ah Sammie," she sighed as she left him, "I wonder will you really stop any of your faults! Yet he loves me. When I'm sick he's like an overgrown bear stealing round tiptoe and trying to make no noise but bumping into everything and dropping my nicest china, tray and all. Poor, dear Sammie."

Now, Bright Eyes, stir yourselves. You must send your answers right along as I want some one to be happy over the prizes by March.

Be sure to study the story for more faults for the one who discovers the longest list of them wins the First Prize, and will prove a smart keen person always, I'm sure. Let your answer give all the faults you see in Sammie, the three most dangerous ones the reasons why, and what faults Sammie probably did drop because he was really sorry, and said "I won't."

A Smart Boy.

A smart little boy who had been to school And was up to all sorts of tricks, Discovered that nine when upside down, Would pass for the figure six.

So when asked his age by a good old dame The comical youngster said, I'm nine when I stand on my feet this! But six when I stand on my head.

Selected.

Grandpa.

My grandpa says that he was once A little boy like me. I s'pose he was; and yet it does Seem queer to think that he Could ever get my jacket on, Or shoes, or like to play With games and toys, and race with Duke, As I do every day.

He's come to visit us, you see. Nurse says I must be good And mind my manners, as a child With such a grandpa should. For grandpa is straight and tall, And very dignified; He knows most all there is to know, And other things beside.

So though my grandpa knows so much, I thought that maybe boys Were things he hadn't studied, They make such awful noise. But when I asked at dinner for Another piece of pie, I thought I saw a twinkle in The corner of his eye.

So yesterday when they went out And left us two alone, I was not quite so much surprised To find how nice he'd grown. You should have seen us romp and run! My! now I almost see That p'raps he was, long, long, ago, A little boy like me.

Gertrude Morton Cannon, in *Youths Companion*.

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The Care of the Eyes

By Kate Burton

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The eye is one of the most delicate organs of the human body, yet next to the stomach it is perhaps the most abused. We are told in our physiologies that we should not read, or strain our eyes over any fine work, in a bad light, yet this precisely is what eight out of every ten do, and then lament, after a while, that they are forced to wear glasses.

The care of the eyes should be begun early—the earlier, the better. Babies should never be wheeled out facing the sun; and a parasol should always be provided to shut off the direct rays. To be sure, plenty of sunshine is a very good thing for babies, but it is cruel to let the bright rays shine directly in the little face for long at a time. A white paper or cloth lying on the floor, in the sunshine, may often prove a source of annoyance. Mothers whose children have weak eyes should insist that their teachers place them near a window where a good, even light will be provided; it should preferably fall at the side or back.

It is a fact that in proportion to their number, more people—and especially children—now wear glasses, than a score of years ago; and where the general run of people have weaker eyes than then, or whether we are learning to take better care of them, is a question that cannot readily be answered, though I am of the opinion that we now realize the importance of caring for the organs of sight, and beginning early.

Most people dislike to wear glasses, and they need not necessarily be worn, unless weak eyes are inherited, or unless they have been willfully neglected for too long. The eyes are in sympathy with all organs of the body; therefore, strict hygiene and cleanliness should be practiced. Children do not always inherit weak eyes, especially if one parent's eyes are strong.

A few simple home rules should be regarded in caring for the eyes. Bathe them every morning—as well as the whole face—in real cold water; this will make the flesh firm and healthy, and increase the supply of white corpuscles in the blood, which carry good health to all parts of the body. After working on fine needle work, or coming in from an evening entertainment in brilliantly lighted rooms, the eyes often feel hot and tired; and if a sponge or cloth is dipped in cold water and pressed gently against them, they will become almost immediately cooled and rested.

Unless you have to, do not work by lamplight on fine work, or read fine print, especially if the eyes are weak. If they are strong, care should also be used. Do not sit with the light shining in your face; let it shine from over your shoulder, on the pages of

the book. Shade the face with the hand if the light irritates. When coming down with a hard cold, the eyes often ache and become inflamed; they should not be used until they feel better. Persons with weak watery eyes should not work at any one thing for too long a time; rest and change are very essential. A good exercise is to close the lids and raise the eye brows as high as possible; this will soon bring a feeling of rest. Of course, such afflictions as sore eyes, cataracts, astigmatism, etc., should be treated by an experienced oculist.

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So up you scramble, down you slide,
And oh, you have a jolly ride:
You always want to play some more
Upon the Hill of Cellar-Door.

—Washington Star.

A Minister's Shirt.

A Scotch minister who was preaching on trial in a country kirk was watched with keen eyes by the faithful but critical flock. The preaching was good. The man was earnest and quick-witted, and the people liked his cheery ways and plain common sense. But a Scotchman is sure to find a flaw in human conduct, if there is one; and the oldest one of the most influential men in the village shook his head gravely and declared that the candidate would not do. When he mentioned the fault of which he complained to the chief men of the kirk they agreed with him that it was a serious matter, but thought that it might be possible to remedy the defect.

The good man's objection was based upon a single detail of the minister's dress. He wore collars and cuffs which could be detached from his shirt. The cuffs, moreover, could be reversed. It seemed a petty thing, but the pious critic considered it something very serious.

"How are we to know, brethren," he said, "whether his shirt is clean or not? The collars and cuffs may be fresh and neat, while the shirt may have been on his back for a fortnight. It betokens insincerity. A minister who avoids that which is misleading, and is honest and trustworthy, would wear a shirt with its own collar and wristbands.

The good men, who agreed with him, suggested that the young clergyman could probably be induced to buy a new set of proper shirts. Accordingly he was invited to a private conference, and his fault was pointed out by the stern critic with great plainness of speech.

"You see, sir," was the closing remark, "we like your preaching, but we want to be sure that you are what you seem to be, and to know with certainty that your shirt is as clean as your collar or cuffs."

The minister received the suggestion with humility, and said that he was not absolutely unwilling to change his manner of dress and to buy a set of "proper shirts." "But, brethren," he added, "I do not like to do it. I was born a poor boy in Grampians, and my good mother taught me to save the pennies. It is very wasteful, it seems to me, to have the whole shirt washed when only the collar and cuffs are soiled. My pious mother would not have approved of it."

The brethren moved uneasily in their seats.

"Besides," the minister went on, "there ought not to be one rule for the pulpit and another for the pews. When I preach I see good men in front of me who seem to have fine heads of hair, but who are really bald and wear wigs, which, at least in some cases, deceive persons who see them. Would it not be more honest for them to take off their wigs and show their bald pates?"

This was a home thrust. The chief critic was very bald and wore a long, flaxen wig. Other brethren in the church also had wigs, and were not what they seemed to be.

There was a long pause; then the main objector remarked grimly:

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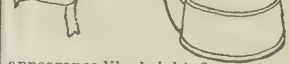
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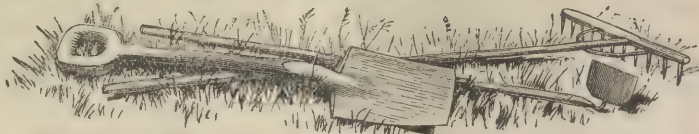
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In the Garden



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January Jottings.

This is rather cold weather for garden work isn't it? Well rather—especially for us of the North. However, as we can visit our friends but once a month, we sometimes have to call at unseasonable hours. You see I am calling thus early, in order that all may be ready in good time; and there is considerable planning to do before we are ready for the general start. Now the catalogues of the various seedsmen are, or very soon will be, ready for distribution. Most of them are replete with useful things and they are well worth a careful study. They are gladly sent, upon a postal card request; and I very much desire that our readers should have them. I do not say this to create a "run" on the seedsmen, for it costs money to get them up and money to send them out. But they are more than glad to send them to all prospective purchasers of seeds, so I ask you to send for them feeling sure that they will add zest to the garden work, and prove a means to a much desired end. So I am anxious that you not only send to some of the reputable firms for their catalogues, but that you also make good use of them when you receive them. Reinforced with these helps, we are better prepared to make careful selections and thus secure better assortments. In a previous number, I said that as soon as our family circle was practically complete and settled down for the year, I desired to start at the stepping stone and carry on our work systematically; step by step. So I have been at some pains to prepare two reference tables that will be useful from the beginning.

TIME OF GERMINATION.

There are no ironclad rules that we can apply as to the exact, or even average time of seed germination, as so many conditions must be considered. Some general calculations, however, may be made and are helpful in the planting and management of the garden. The following table shows approximately the usual period of germination of the more common seed:

| | DAYS | | DAYS |
|------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Beans..... | 5 to 10 | Lettuce..... | 6 to 8 |
| Beet..... | 7 to 10 | Onion..... | 7 to 10 |
| Cabbage..... | 5 to 10 | Parsnip..... | 10 to 20 |
| Carrot..... | 12 to 20 | Peas..... | 6 to 10 |
| Cauliflower..... | 5 to 10 | Pepper..... | 10 to 14 |
| Celery..... | 10 to 20 | Radish..... | 3 to 6 |
| Corn..... | 5 to 8 | Salsify..... | 7 to 12 |
| Cucumber..... | 6 to 10 | Tomato..... | 6 to 12 |
| Endive..... | 5 to 10 | Turnip..... | 4 to 8 |

This table presupposes ordinarily fair conditions, and will vary considerably under the extremes of very poor to ideal surroundings. The same is also true as to the ordinary time of

maturity. For illustration, an early variety of sweet corn planted under just the right conditions might mature for table use in sixty-five days. The same variety planted a month earlier with ground and weather barely warm enough to sustain life might require seventy to eighty days. This means that many of the so-called extra early varieties of vegetables are not so under all conditions. The results of one season may be entirely overturned by the varying conditions of the season following. The best that can be done is to be "instant in season and out of season," and trust Providence for the rest.

The following table referring to the average time from seed sowing to maturing will be subject to many changes in actual practice. The same varieties vary in their characteristics as to time of maturing from extra early to late, so the term maturity as used here may refer to the time when ready for table use, or it may mean when fully ripe in other cases. For instance, onions require 130 to 150 days to fully mature, but they may be used as green onions within a few weeks from planting.

MATURITY TABLE.

| | DAYS | | DAYS |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Beans..... | 40 to 60 | Muskmelon.. | 125 to 150 |
| Beet..... | 40 to 50 | Onions..... | 130 to 150 |
| Cabbage..... | 90 to 115 | Parsley..... | 90 to 120 |
| Celery..... | 150 to 160 | Parsnip..... | 120 to 150 |
| Corn (sweet)... | 65 to 90 | Peas..... | 40 to 90 |
| Cucumber..... | 55 to 75 | Pepper..... | 140 to 160 |
| Egg Plant..... | 150 to 175 | Radish..... | 20 to 30 |
| Lettuce..... | 65 to 75 | Spinach..... | 60 to 80 |
| Watermelon.. | 125 to 150 | Squash s'm'er | 90 to 110 |
| Squash wint'r | 120 to 150 | Tomato..... | 110 to 120 |
| Turnip..... | 60 to 75 | | |

It must be remembered that actual days will vary considerably from those given in the table. Soil and weather conditions will have much to do with the matter as also cultivation. The tables will be useful and should be carefully preserved and kept ready for reference at any time.

THE FINANCIAL SIDE.

I very much wish that space permitted diving deeply into the many phases of the money side of gardening. I am going to encroach upon it sufficiently, however, to speak of some of the profit features. I much prefer growing small fruits and vegetables for my own family to paying doctor bills. True these are not an unfailing panacea for the ills of life; but the doctors will find their work decreasing in proportion to the increase of vegetables and small fruit consumption. Then the garden of itself with its cultural duties is a wonderful sanitarium for the mothers and daughters who by force of duty or otherwise, are shut up in the house year in and year out. To such the



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If I shall be able to lead any through the garden gate, out into pleasant and profitable ways, I shall feel that through their success I am more than amply repaid for all my efforts. But lest the "forms" are ordered locked before I am done, I want to say something as to the

TIME TO MAKE THE HOT BED.

If only my pen were that of a "ready writer," that I could induce every one of our readers to make a hot bed this year, I believe they would all be grateful and forgive my persistent nagging. If it were only a small one; even one sash in size, it would be a start in the right direction and would surely lead to more extended effort in the future. But as to the time, this will depend almost wholly on locality, season and varieties of vegetables grown. In general it may be said that nothing will be gained by starting too early. When the plants are large enough to go into the open ground, in most cases, they are held in the hot beds to their own injury. From six to eight weeks before planting out, is early enough for the ordinary work of the hot bed. Planting time, of course, means after all danger of frost is past, and when the ground is sufficiently warm that the plants shall receive no check. Sometimes we get caught by capers of the weather outside of the ordinary; but some chances have to be taken, and if we get "there" without a visit from Jack Frost, we are so much ahead. If he decides to meddle with our affairs, then we have to make the best of it. It may be said, that with time and inclination the hot bed may be used to very great advantage for a table supply of radishes and lettuce through February and March, and in many localities nearly the whole winter through. In this connection, it may be of some assistance in the general operations to give some data as to actual work with some varieties. Taking as a basis the summer of 1899, we may arrive at a fair average. I

select this particular season, as the previous winter was exceptionally cold and the frost went down unusually deep. Even the middle of April found plenty of frost still in the ground. With the weather once settled, however, there was very little delay either through frost or heavy storms. April 1, one hot bed was sown with tomato, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, onion, and radish seed. It surely was "sunny cloudy April," smiling and weeping by turns, and at times the snow was driving in blinding fury. The bed was sown, however, and April 14, the tomatoes were transplanted right in the hot bed. The second set of leaves had appeared then; and that is the proper time for the first transplanting. May 4, they were potted and transferred to the cold frames; and on May 9, we were selling unpotted plants from the hot beds to plant in the open ground. May 26 our potted plants were transferred to the open ground, and July 25, we were selling ripe tomatoes. It may be well to explain that by a serious storm which occurred about the middle of June, this planting was nearly all destroyed, and we were forced at that late season, to replant from the hot bed with unpotted plants. Yet with this serious hindrance we were selling ripened fruit inside of four months from seed sowing.

April 18, the cabbage plants were transplanted to a cloth-covered hot bed, and were set in the open field May 6. The plants were strong and stocky, and had been cut back twice before planting out, and we were marketing the crop July 15. The dates and treatment of the cauliflower were the same except the marketing. The lettuce was transplanted to the cloth-covered bed on the same date as was the cabbage. May 4, the plants were badly crowded, and each alternate row was transplanted to the open ground. We began selling lettuce about May 20, and June first it was all sold. Radishes were ready for the table in seventeen days from sowing the seed, and when all were gone, the ground was sown to beets which were ready for transplanting May 15.

I have thus detailed a portion of the work accomplished in two beds. The first bed started, furnished all the plants used for stocking both, besides starting watermelon, muskmelon, and cucumber plants, and onions for transplanting quite a large patch. Aside from this, several dollars cash were realized from the sale of cabbage and tomato plants. In the February number, full directions will be given for the construction and care of hot beds, and this will be in ample time for the boys and girls and the grown up ones also, to try their skill, not only for home use but the money side, too.

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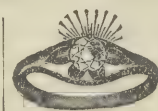
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white wool but what is hound? The scientific name Manubium is from the Hebrew Manob—bitter juice and certainly its juice is bitter enough. (The specific term vulgare of course means common or vulgar.) It is an interesting perhaps even a pretty plant with its soft thick velvety crenated leaves which are evergreen but the whitish flowers are small and inconspicuous. Native to South Europe, Palestine, etc., it is naturalized over vast regions of Asia, Europe, and America. A lady of West Virginia says it grows wild with her, but I have to cultivate it and it is not quite hardy here. Sometimes it lives through the winter but it is likely not to, and it is best to call it an annual and sow the seed every year. The tea is in use for colds, etc., whether it is of any real benefit is more than I know. It amuses the patient and the nurse at least. Put a little strong hoarhound tea into melted sugar and cast the sugar into sticks and you have hoarhound candy and this is the main use with me.

E. S. Gilbert.

Answers to Correspondents.

Mrs. M. E. P.—Raw oysters and sweet milk, as you say, are interdicted together. Oysters cooked with new milk are perfectly wholesome, but in soups and stews it is difficult to mix and cook oysters and their liquors without curdling the milk. This is obviated by boiling each separately, and scalding the oysters in their own liquor, then mixing all with the hot milk. This tendency to curdle shows why raw oysters and new milk should not be taken into the stomach together. The milk would become cheesy or solidified, which is always dangerous. Then another reason is that raw oysters are eaten with the acid of lemon, vinegar or sauce, which should not form a combination with sweet milk.

Young Housekeeper.—I am always pleased to solve perplexities for young housekeepers. Regarding the enquiry for cost of oysters on the half-shell, if a peck or such a matter, of oysters in the shell are bought, they may be washed, wiped and wasted, at home, cheaper than oysters in any other form. If the oyster dealer cleans and opens the shells, serving you the oysters on the half-shell they will be expensive, as you pay him for this work.

The price of oysters varies, according to the distance from the oyster beds. On the Gulf Coast, fresh oysters every month in the year, sell for twenty-five cents per hundred,

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Oysters on the Pacific Coast are so small that one person can eat a hundred. Many efforts have been made to introduce the large oysters of the East on the Catalina Island and California Coast, but all have failed. The oysters there are small, but of fine quality.

Scalloped Oysters.—Cook the oysters in their own liquor a few minutes. Then crumble crackers in a baking dish, about an inch deep; salt, pepper and bits of butter over the surface; then a layer of oysters; another layer of cracker crumbs, until the baker is full of alternate layers. Heat sweet milk and while boiling, mix with the hot oyster liquor and pour over the whole, until the contents of the baker are moist and the milk and liquor standing over the surface. Set in the oven to steam and lightly brown over the top. The last or top layer should be of cracker crumbs and butter. The crackers absorb the liquor, bake over the top, and serve steaming hot. Scalloped oysters make a dish fit for a king.

Oysters Scalloped in the Shell.—Select the deepest from a lot of shells; clean and set aside. Cook the oysters a few minutes, and season the liquor with pepper, butter and chopped parsley. Fill the shells with oyster, dredge thickly with bread crumbs and bit of butter, allow just enough liquor to moisten the oyster and bread crumb, an set the shell in the oven to brown. Salt with oysters is generally not much needed. The broth or liquor they come in is salty enough; but bread crumbs, crackers and milk call for a moderate addition of salt.

Oysters never require much cooking. Five or ten minutes is long enough to cook them in whatever form they are served.

Oysters Fried in Corn Meal.—An old Virginia custom is to drain and dry oysters and then roll each one separately in corn meal, seasoning with salt, black and cayenne pepper. Hot lard is used to fry them a light brown; or the fat of bacon is used for frying all kinds of fish, oysters included. The bacon is cut into thin strips and fried, and the fat reserved for frying oysters and all kinds of fish. Corn meal and bacon fat give a different taste to fried oysters from cracker-dust and lard. Oyster broth for invalids has no seasoning but one-third new milk.

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Still evermore lead on before
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Above what we have won,
To higher needs, and finer deeds
That we have left undone.

Nora Perry.

Post Office Classification.

"It is quite surprising the number of letters the Post Office Department will receive during the course of a year from all sections of the country making inquiry as to the different classes of Post Offices; what they are, how they are advanced from class to class, the salaries and compensations of Postmasters in the different grades and the process of 'regulating' Presidential Post Offices back to the fourth class and other queries along this line," said an old Post Office Inspector recently.

"It is possible to give this information in a succinct and comprehensive form. While they are three classes of Presidential Post Offices, the department in the preparation of its appointment papers divides all Post Offices into but two classes—Presidential and fourth class.

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"When a Presidential Post Office fails to come up to the minimum standard under the rules it is 'relegated' to the fourth class, the Postmaster's regular salary ceasing and his official income becoming dependent upon his commissions. Thus seven Presidential Post Offices were relegated to the fourth class this past year, while thirty-seven fourth-class Post Offices were advanced to the Presidential class."—*Washington Star*.

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Poultry Department

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Poultry.

P. Conolly, N. Y. City.—To fatten geese place them in a small pen, so they will not get too much exercise, and feed three times a day, all they will eat up clean, of corn meal mixed to a dry crumbly state, and beef scraps amounting to twenty per cent of the bulk of the corn meal. They should be disturbed as little as possible while fattening, as excitement has a tendency to keep them from taking on fat.

Care of Hens in Cold Weather and the Way Some People Treat Them.

In the treatment of hens for winter egg production, we should endeavor to bring them through the moult as early in the season as possible, and the next point to be remembered is that when the fowls get their new feathers they must not go into winter quarters too fat, or the yield of eggs is most sure to be unsatisfactory. If we have pullets that were hatched early in the spring there will be no trouble in getting them to lay early in winter. As soon as the hens have their new feathers the same generous feeding that they had during the moulting season should be continued, but they should then be compelled to scratch and work for their feed to a great extent, from morning till night; the advantage in this may be explained in this way. For instance, a hen is running on free range and there is a pile of corn before her at a certain place. She will not fill her crop on this at once. She will pick up a few kernels, then leave it, and run perhaps to catch a grasshopper or bug, then she will take a ramble in some other direction and gather in a few worms and seeds of different kinds. Then she may return to the corn and take a few more kernels, then some green stuff, grit, etc., and in this way she will fill up her crop gradually with all the essentials to make eggs. Now in our winter care of fowls we should try to imitate as nearly as possible the actions of the hen while at large. Do we do this? I think not, at least I believe the majority of people who keep poultry go at it in a different way. Let us see how some persons care for their hens during the cold weather. I will not say much about the building in which they are kept, but the probabilities are that it don't need any ventilation. The first attention given the fowls for the day will probably be about eight o'clock, a. m., or a little later, at which time (if the owner is really in earnest and is working for eggs when they are high) they will be served with a large dish of scalded corn meal—a very good feed for fattening fowls, but not the best for eggs. They will eat heartily of this, and will then return


to the roost or to some corner where they will spend the greater part of the day, standing first on one foot then on the other. At four p. m., they will be given a royal dinner, consisting of shelled corn—sometimes the ears will be broken up and thrown out in this way, just to give them exercise in picking it off, you know.

But the water, well that was forgotten today, but then the trap door was open all day, and there was plenty of snow handy to eat. The second day, for a starter they are given a liberal supply of shelled corn, or perhaps some wheat or barley, but whatever it is, they will have enough to gorge themselves right on the spot. At noon they are watered. Again in the afternoon they are given a variety of clear shelled corn. Next day, all the corn they can eat in the morning, and at noon a cabbage will be thrown in, but this is extra and don't happen very often. Water and corn in afternoon. And lice, well they have no lice, haven't examined the hens closely, but have seen no signs of any around. And grit, no the hens have had no grit. And so it goes from week to week, until along in March when the snow gets melted away and the fowls get out, take some exercise and work off some of the fat, they will commence to lay, with eggs down, perhaps, to twelve or fourteen cents per dozen. I feel safe in saying that this is a fair example of the average farmer's treatment of his flocks, and these are the people who tell us that poultry don't pay.

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personal selection the price is not out of the way, and in many cases has turned out a paying investment. If the breeder is one of great prominence, the purchaser should consider himself fortunate if he can persuade him to dispose of some of his best specimens, even at these figures. It should be borne in mind, however, that the purchasers in such cases, are, as a rule, breeders of prominence themselves, who well understand the value of the best blood, and the best specimens of such blood.

Those who are willing to pay only one or two dollars for birds of either sex, cannot expect to get anything but good, strong healthy specimens, with no particular marking, in fact just ordinary stock, such as the general poultry keeper would select for breeding purposes. But these are not to be despised, as they frequently turn out as profitable for the use for which they are intended as the highest priced birds. The breeder can always afford to sell his surplus culls, or his discarded breeders, as a certain proportion of one's stock must be sold each year to make room for the young birds coming on.

V. M. Couch.

Half Grown Chickens and Treatment for Roup.

On a good many farms, at this time of year, are found chickens that have not grown to full size, some not more than half grown. These should not be kept nor fed with the laying hens, for if they are allowed to run with the old stock, they will not get sufficient food to force them along so that they will amount to anything, and the chances are that at the same time the hens will become over fat, and unprofitable as layers. Place these half grown chickens in a pen by themselves where they will be comfortable, then feed them well.

A good many insist on bringing out a few broods of late chicks; this I think is a mistake, except when special preparation has been made for them. They reach maturity too late to be of any use as winter layers, and begin laying just when eggs are the lowest, and generally cost more trouble and feed than they are worth. Sell them for what they will bring, or eat them as soon as they reach broiler size.

Several who keep poultry in this section have had considerable trouble with roup among their fowls during the past two or three years, and not until recently have they used any remedy that seemed to check the trouble, but since treating as follows, little or no trouble has been experienced: First clean the house thoroughly; by cleaning thoroughly, I do not mean to simply take a shovel and broom and clean up the floor, but after doing this in a complete manner, take out all movable fixtures, such as nest boxes, perches, feed troughs, etc., and clean them, then sprinkle everything with carbolic acid. Fasten the fowls in, and to one gallon of water add a teaspoonful of turpentine, placing this

in their drinking dish. They will drink but little of this the first day or so, but after this they will take more freely. Give nothing else to drink. Put in fresh water every morning and add a little more of the turpentine each time, until about one tablespoonful has been put in, and during the time feed only soft food, bran, middlings, a little corn meal, cut clover, etc. For an ointment take four tablespoonfuls of lard and two of turpentine, grease head and throat well and give a good sized pill of same. Coal oil was also used in greasing the throat and swabbing it out. This treatment was given every morning for a week or ten days. If the flock is large and only a few fowls are afflicted, then I would separate them from the others and place them in comfortable quarters to give treatment. However, a thorough renovating and disinfecting with carbolic acid will act as a preventive to the others. Filth and dampness, I believe, are often the cause of this disease, although not always.

V. M. Couch.

Clover for Poultry.

I have always realized the value of clover as a part of the feed of hens in winter, but until this year have been puzzled to get a supply of the properly cured clover leaves. I have heretofore saved and cured a large supply of lawn clippings. This, however, has never proved entirely satisfactory, owing to the fact that in our soil and climate blue grass soon drives out clover and in lawn clippings one gets a large per cent of grass, which, while of considerable value as feed for poultry, is not equal to clover.

This year, however, an idea occurred to me of getting clover for my hens with little trouble. I purchased a supply of pure clover hay of second growth, cut and cured at the proper time. I then bought a piece of wire screen, three-sixteenths of an inch mesh, made of six-inch boards a sieve eighteen by thirty inches in size, also a tight box the size of the sieve. I

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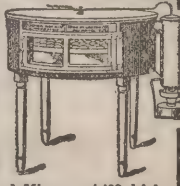
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set the sieve over the box, fill the sieve half full of the clover hay and with my hands rub back and forth over the screen. This breaks up fine the leaves and heads of the clover and they fall through into the tight box in the form of clover meal, and an ideal shape to be steamed and mixed with the soft food.

Preparing Quarters for Winter.

So many poultry raisers are prone to put off the fixing up of the winter quarters of the fowls until compelled to do so in order to save them from death. This is a grave error, and one that in the long run costs many dollars. During the summer months is really the time to attend to this ever important duty, but of course it is never too late to do well, especially for so good a friend as the hen.

Any person who is handy with the saw and hammer, can in a remarkably short space of time rebuild an unused cow shed, hog house, or any other building until it will be warm for the fowls. All cracks should be covered with cheap battens. Knock to pieces all the empty boxes on the place and a barrel stave is better than nothing. Nail them over the cracks with common 4 d nails.

Line the inside with tarred felt, steering clear of the tarred board, which is a flimsy article, and is not really worth putting on. Tarred felt can be bought of lumber dealers for about 2c a lb, and 100 lbs will cover about 700 sq. ft. Fasten it securely to the walls with lath or tin caps. This felt, aside from being wind and waterproof, is also proof against vermin of all kinds.

HANDY ARRANGEMENTS.

A poultry house should be arranged for comfort, as well as convenience to the owner. Each house should be divided into, or contain two rooms for each flock: one for roosting and laying, and the other for the exercise room, in which the fowls are to spend their time during the day. This should be light and roomy. Windows should be in the south and east sides. The roosting and laying room should be cut off from the day department. It should be rather dark, for the idle fowls are less liable to be prowling around in it. Perches may be arranged to suit the convenience and should have a tight platform beneath to catch the droppings.

Under the roosts the nest boxes can be placed, thus utilizing all the space. To be sure that mites and lice do not infest the nest boxes the inside should be neatly lined with tarred felt. A bed of leaves should be provided for the fowls to spend their time in digging for oats, wheat or other small grain, which should be thrown there each morning. As soon as the fowls come down from the roosts they should be put to work, thus taking out of them the liability of beginning the day in laziness.—F. H. Petts, in *Farm and Home*.

Helpful Pointers.

To have a healthy flock keep but few in a pen.

Houses that are cleaned daily rarely need disinfecting.

Broken eggs in the nest start the fowls to eating them.

Eggs cannot be produced without nitrogenous material in some shape.

Chickens that eat the most grit are in the best condition.

Cleanliness about the feeding places should be observed.

If fowls are delicate it is because they have been inbred and not because they are pure bred.

Feeding a little at a time and oftener is a better plan to throw out more than the fowls will eat at once.

To fatten a chicken to the best advantage it must not be allowed its liberty or much of its food will run away.

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FRUIT NOTES.

(Continued from page ten.)

ington county, Arkansas, looking up this matter where the Black Ben Davis was said to have originated.

By the side of a log cabin I found the spot where the people living there told me the original B. B. Davis tree stood. They said it had grown up there from seed and bore fruit continually from the time it was about five years old until it died from injury in 1889; which was about five years that it was in bearing. Several of the neighbors were interviewed and from all of them it was plain to me that they knew the main points of the history of this apple and that they thought very well of it.

The original tree grew up while a certain Methodist preacher named John Black, who first settled the farm, was living on it. A few years afterwards J. L. Reagan bought the farm, and his wife, who was a granddaughter of one of the old pioneer nurserymen of that region, seeing the good points of this apple prevailed on a neighbor, George L. Guthrie, to cut some scions and raise some young trees. She told him it "was the best apple in the world." He grafted these scions on seedling roots and planted them in a little row in his garden. The next year he set ten of them in his orchard and his wife gave three to her mother, Mrs. Beaty, who lived on an adjoining farm. One of the trees on the Guthrie farm, now owned by John F. Bain, died, but the other nine are vigorous, bearing trees now. Two of the trees on the Beaty farm were destroyed by stock while they were young but the other one made a fine tree and bore fruit until it was killed by fattening hogs in a close pen built about it a few years ago.

At the Bain place I spent some time looking over the trees and found them full of fruit, while the Ben Davis trees all about them were bearing but a little. They were also holding their foliage better. I took samples from these trees and from Ben Davis trees next to them.

My next effort was to see some Gano trees, and these were found about eight miles distant, but on similar land and also in a state of non-cultivation. These trees were well loaded with fruit of the same size as that on the Black Ben Davis trees at the Bain farm, but it was not so red, and almost every apple that I examined had stripes on it; while none of the B. B. Davis was in the least striped but almost entirely covered with suffused red. From these Gano trees I also took samples. Not far from this place I saw the best orchard in that region, and it was in the best state of cultivation of any that I saw. As a part of it there were fifty-eight acres of Black Ben Davis trees four years old, which had been planted

because of the good opinion the owner had formed from what he had seen of the variety at the Bain farm.

After reaching my home in Washington, D. C., I put the fruit procured in Arkansas in my cellar, which was warm, to ripen. On the 10th day of November I found them in proper condition to test for flavor, when they were cut. Outside they showed the same characteristics as when first gathered. Inside there were no material differences noticed. The flesh of all, which included Ben Davis, was of the peculiar whitish color and spongy texture of that variety. The flavor was the same also, being mild subacid and lacking in richness. The core formation and seeds were identical. Without the labels it was impossible to tell them apart.

The conclusion that forces itself upon me, after examining into this matter on the ground in Arkansas and the specimens after they were in a mellow condition, is, that there are differences between Gano and Black Ben Davis. There are two varieties and not one. Neither of them is better than Ben Davis in quality, nor can they be distinguished from it in flesh or flavor, so far as I could judge from these specimens. In appearance the Gano is redder and more handsome than Ben Davis, and Black Ben Davis is still more so. If I wanted to plant any trees of this type they would be of the latter. But, we should try to find something better in quality than any of them. So long as this is not possible in some sections, we will have to do the next best thing.

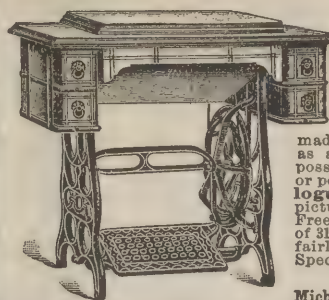
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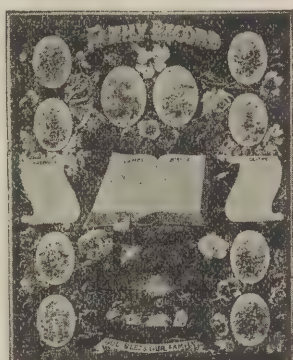
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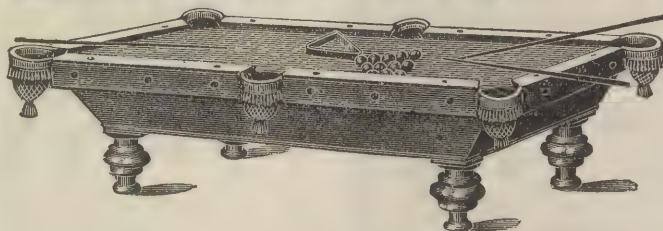
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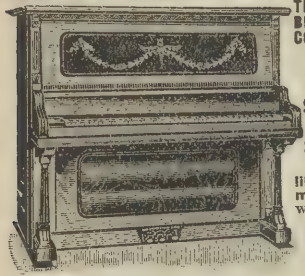


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MY TREASURE.

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"On my life there is no stain. I
swear it solemnly. On my name
there is—but it was not of my
making."

"Well—will you call on me on
Sunday, then? Oblige me by ringing
the bell—I am quite helpless, you
see. We will have have some tea be-
fore you go."

Essie brought tea, and I asked my
visitor to pour it out. As I watched
her quiet, graceful, noiseless move-
ments, I said to myself, "I must and
will risk it!"

"Miss Smith, suppose you come to
me, shall you be in no danger of
meeting people who know you?"

"No one—not even—one one living
would recognize me," she answered;
"besides, I did not at any time move
in your circle."

"In what circle, then?" said I;
"for I am very sure that you did not
acquire your accent and manner in
any—but I beg your pardon. I for-
get myself strangely. Very likely
your circle was rather above than be-
low mine;" and I felt myself blush
like a girl at my awkward blunder.

"By birth," she answered, "I be-
long to the mercantile class. But my
mother was an Italian, and of good
birth; and I spent much of my child-
hood with her family."

"Will you have another cup of
tea?" I asked. I was watching her
very closely. Every movement was
ladylike, and she seemed completely at
her ease: her manner could not pos-
sibly be assumed for the occasion.
Having finished her second cup of tea,
she rose.

"I think, Miss Mauleverer, that I
have some sketches of mine among
my few possessions. May I send
them to you, that you may see
whether I can do what you want in
that line? And may I call on
Sunday?"

"Yes," I said. "At four, if that
will suit you."

"It does. Good morning, Miss
Mauleverer."

Yet she lingered for a moment, as
if there was something that she longed
to say. But she did not speak: with
a little sigh, which expressed as much
patience as anxiety, she turned away
—and in a moment I was alone. I
shivered—it seemed so cruel to let her
go from my warm cosy room out into
the bitter wind. In that jacket, too!

I pretended to myself that I meant
to consult some of my friends during
the interval between Miss Smith's
visit and the following Sunday. But
I never consulted any one. I amused
myself by imagining what this or that
person would say if I told my story.

Mrs. Chichester, formerly Edith
Mauleverer, and Philip's sister, would
say, "You'd be murdered in your bed,
Fanny! robbed and murdered. For
mercy's sake, don't do anything so
rash!" Lady N— would declare
that "the poor soul had escaped from
some lunatic asylum," and entreat me

not even to see her again. Every
one would declare, and with great
justice, that to engage a companion
on her own recommendation, without
even a reference as to character,—a
woman of whom I knew nothing ex-
cept that the name by which she
called herself was not her own,—was
a mad, rash act: and yet I knew in
my heart that this was exactly what
I meant to do.

The drawings were left at my door
late the next evening by Miss Smith
herself. They were uncommonly
good. I knew the places where some
of them were done, and knew that
they were correct, as well as spirited
and pretty. Some were done in sepia,
others were colored, but there was
nothing finished about them, and it
seemed to me that they were leaves
from a small sketch-book, newly torn
out.

Sunday came: four o'clock came,
and, punctual to a minute, Miss Smith
came. She was far less calm than on
her first appearance—she seemed half
afraid to look at me, and her hands
trembled as she filled the cups with
tea; for I ordered tea at once, seeing
how very cold she was. When Essie
left us, I said at once—

"Miss Smith, if you will assure me
of one thing, you will oblige me. I
know it is a strange question to ask,
but forgive me. Have you ever been
in . . . a lunatic asylum?"

I blurted this out all in a breath.
She started—looked at me, and then
laughed; and her laugh answered me.
No one whose mind has ever been
affected laughs like that.

"Oh, no," she said "never, in
deed. Do I look like it?—well, I
knew I was very much changed. I—
hardly can venture to ask you, for
somehow, since I was here last, my
hope that you might engage me has
come to seem very wild and presump-
tuous—but yet I must ask—have you
made up your mind about me, Miss
Mauleverer?"

"You positively can give me no
reference?" said I.

"None. The fact is, that unless I
can get employment that I can like,
on my own terms, I prefer to remain
where I am."

"On your own terms, as to your
name, etc., you mean—for the ques-
tion of salary has never been men-
tioned yet between us."

"I should leave that to you alto-
gether. I have no one to think of—
but myself."

I remained silent, half unwilling to
commit myself finally; but I hap-
pened to look at her in a few mom-
ents. Her great soft eyes were fixed
on my face, her lips were pressed
firmly together, her hands clasped.
She was in an agony of hope and fear,
though she sat still and silent. It
was cruel to delay—particularly as
my mind was made up.

"Miss Smith," said I, "you must

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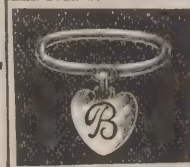
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"Oh, do forgive me. I cannot help it. I shall be myself again in a moment. Miss Mauleverer—with God's help—you shall never regret this."

And I must admit I never did.

CHAPTER III.

FIVE QUIET YEARS.

How strange it is now to look back to those early days when Mary Smith came to me a stranger, and I watched her every action with a small degree of suspicion, which, I suppose, was unavoidable under the circumstances! It was very characteristic of Mary that she never seemed aware of my watching nor in the least degree put out by it. And I never discovered anything that was not pure and sweet and good. Just at first I was a little distressed, because she went out every morning before breakfast, and never said anything about it; but when I found that she only went to the early daily service at St. M——'s, I said to myself that it was no sin, though very amazing. I soon became aware that she was deeply and truly religious; and I am not ashamed to confess that I learned much from her. Not that she ever directly tried to "do me good," a process which I should have resented at once, and for which she was far too humble-minded. But one could not live with Mary—my Mary, as I used to call her—without being the better for it.

Edith Chichester, and a number of other friends, saw my new acquisition for the first time on the Monday after her arrival. Every Monday I was "at home," and dispensed tea and cake and talk to all and sundry, from four to seven. Very crowded my room was, and is; for, really people are very kind to me, and they know I cannot go to them. If there is one thing of which I am proud, it is this, that, with the exception of a few who have left London, or ceased to come up for the season, or—alas!—"gone over to the majority," my visitors are the same as the visitors of that time. I have never lost a friend, except by death. Girls and boys, who were children then, are grown up now, and come with their mothers; dear me! they do flirt audaciously, some of them. But to return to my first Monday.

Mary had come to me on Saturday, and my first glance at her relieved me from an embarrassment which had been annoying me a good deal during the interval between the day on which I engaged her, and this on which she came to me. I somehow felt that she was not a person with whom one could take a liberty, and yet truly her dress was lamentably shabby. I need not

have vexed myself; Mary appeared in new attire, tasteful and elegant, though rather plain. I never saw her unsuitably or unbecomingly dressed, and really, in spite of her white hair and her worn look, she was very beautiful; at least I thought so, for I remember Edith Chichester asked me if I meant to study anatomy, that I had set up a ready-made skeleton. But this was the only fault Edith found; on the whole she approved, and said that it was the skeleton of a perfect lady, which was a great comfort.

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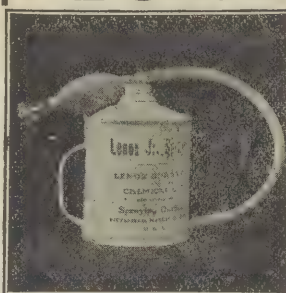


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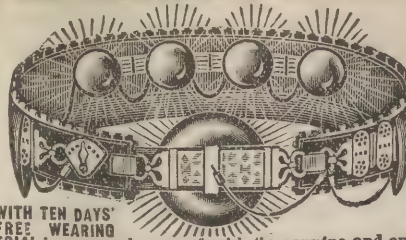
They do not come to the roost in many small bands, but gather from their feeding grounds and all fly home together for the night. Many branches are broken down with their weight, for they seem to have favorite perches and there is a wild scramble for these, accompanied by such a cawing and screaming as you may imagine to come from the throats of thousands of crows. Finally when darkness settles around they quiet down, and apparently all go to sleep, with the exception of some nervous ones, who from time to time give a caw or two. It is a fine sight to see them come home in a long, thick line, flying against a crimson sky, for while many will not admit that the crow is a pretty bird, certainly in a winter landscape he is decorative. This great roost, which was in a small wood, is not popular as a nesting site. There was but a single nest there and that was a crow's, all the smaller birds passing it by. The birds do not live there in summer but scatter over the country in pairs or small bands, coming back in the early fall bringing the young with them. Last year the first comers began to arrive about August 15. In search of food when the ground is frozen and covered with snow these birds will fly thirty miles to their feeding ground in the morning and home at night. They generally fly home from the north.

Some Iron-Clads.

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Before any were established in our part of the country the problem was being studied; and I have been interested to experiment for myself in a small way to learn what shrubs, plants, etc., might be grown for a succession of years without covering of any sort in winter, with but slight assistance as to watering at any season. Where the mercury often drops to twenty degrees below zero in winter, and sometimes much lower, where freezing and thawing conditions quickly alternate, where snowdrifts sometimes lie piled for weeks, and where for whole winters the ground lies bare; and while my modest list comprises by no means all that may be so grown, it represents my testimony based upon personal experiment covering the last five years. My grounds are sheltered on the west and north by a wind break of ash timber, partially on the east by a plum thicket and a little from the south by buildings. Here then is the list: Mock-orange Syringa, Lilac-Persian Spirea, Van Houttei, Yucca, Peonies in variety, Harrison's Yellow Rose, Iris—two varieties, Dianthus in variety, Ampelopsis quinquefolia (Virginia Creeper), and Achillea. The list might be added to but these would grace any dooryard with but little more trouble than the planting in rich, deep soil, and many of the list will improve in the ratio with which care is given.

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"So the Major had her all to himself—except at times, when I felt it my duty to make myself agreeable to her. Little by little this duty became more pleasant, till one day or rather one moonlight night, I awoke from my dreaming with a start of consternation. I was in love with a lunatic! Never shall I forget the horror of that hour! My hair stands on end now when I think of it. Just imagine it, you fellows! There was I, shut up with the girl I loved on a steamer in mid-ocean, with another week of the journey to look forward to! During this time I should see her all day, so that there was no hope of my forgetting her; and then when we landed, I should be separated from her forever! A fortnight before this I should have laughed at the thought of my falling in love with anyone of unsound mind, but now? I had deliberately done so—I loved her as I had never loved anyone before! As I stood there in the moonlight, leaning against the rail, I believe I almost contemplated suicide. Had I been younger I might have carried out the idea, but I was thirty-two, and not so impulsive as I once was.

"Suddenly a hand was laid on my arm, and the wild eyes of the Major looked into mine. I was startled by his expression.

"'Gibson,' he gasped—what shall I do? she has refused me!'

"'Great Scott!' I exclaimed. 'You asked her, knowing—

He nodded.

"'I don't believe it,' he answered fiercely, 'and if it's true I don't care! Gibson, I never loved a woman before and I never shall again! Oh, heavens, how hard it is!'

"He buried his face in his hands and groaned. I did not know what to say, for I was feeling pretty badly myself.

"'Why wouldn't she have you?' I asked at length.

"'Said she couldn't love me—indeed, she hinted pretty plainly that there was someone else. I hate the fellow, whoever he is!'

"'I remained silent. I felt that reasoning would be of no use; besides there was a lump in my throat which made speech a difficult matter. Whenever I hear the creaking of a ship and the sounds of the watch on deck, and the splashing of the water round the bows, I always live that hour again. I don't know how long we stood there. The Captain passed us once with a cheery 'Grand night!' but neither of us replied. At last the Major turned away and went below without a word, and some time after I followed him.

"But the next morning something occurred which drove the Major completely out of my head.

"I was passing the open door of Miss Goodwin's cabin and, looking in,

observed her standing by her open valise examining an object which she held in her hand. So intent was her gaze that she did not see me, but as my glance fell on the thing she grasped, I nearly betrayed myself by an involuntary cry of horror. It was a long glittering knife! The sheath lay on the floor beside her, and she was critically feeling the edge to test its sharpness. As she did so, I heard her give a low, blood-curdling chuckle. I must confess that when I heard that, I turned and fled in the direction of my cabin. I stopped at the door and wondered what steps I ought to take. There was no knowing what she intended to do with that knife; and it was clearly my duty to stop her doing any mischief with it; but how was I to set about it? Violence might make her desperate—I must try strategy. I opened my door softly and looked out; then I crept along towards Miss Goodwin's cabin. The door was open, but the cabin was empty, and I stepped in. On her berth lay a woolen shawl that she always wore on deck in the evening, and underneath the shawl was the knife, now sheathed and innocent-looking. Evidently she had laid it down in a hurry and concealed it from prying eyes with the shawl. I seized it and hurried out, without any definite plan of action. The one feeling that actuated me was this—that on no account must the knife be allowed to remain in her possession for another instant.

"As I stood irresolute, the door of another cabin opened, and out stepped Miss Price. Here was my opportunity. I put the knife into her hands and, murmuring something about Miss Goodwin's having dropped it, fled up the companion-ladder.

"When next I saw Miss Goodwin she was smiling and calm as ever.

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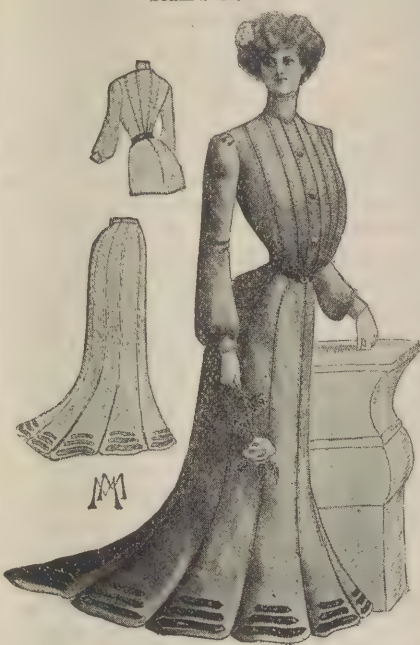
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The waist pattern 4253 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure.

The skirt pattern 4197 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

For Morning Wear.

Box Plaited Shirt Waist 4180. Five Gored Walking Skirt with Habit Back 4190.



Morning gowns, made in shirt waist style with skirts that clear the ground, are among the fashionable features of the season and are ideally comfortable as well as smart. The stylish model shown is of granite cloth in royal blue with bias bands of black and white silk, but all the simpler woolen fabrics are suitable.

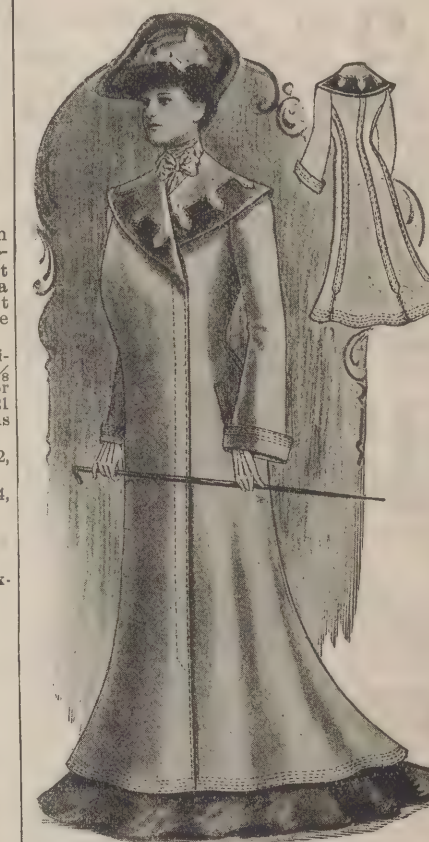
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The skirt pattern 4190 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure

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Woman's Long Coat 4219.



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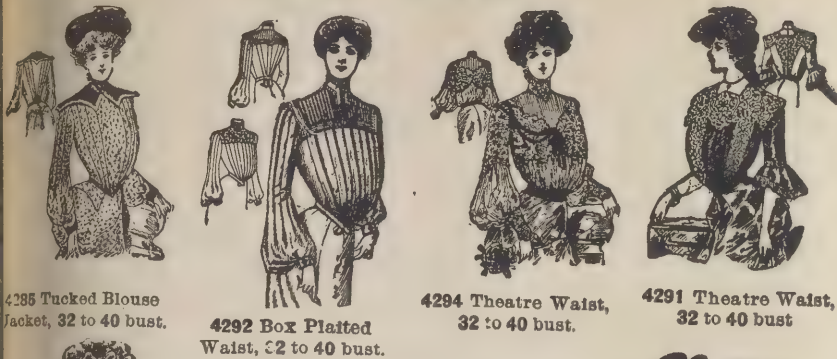
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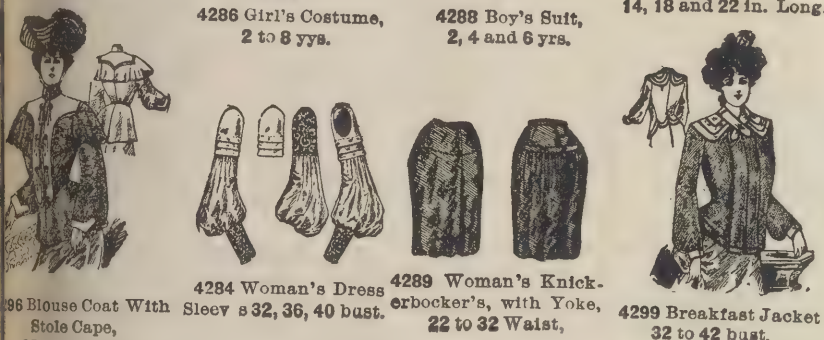


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A Slight Mistake.

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made up their quarrels, and I tried in vain to feel pleased at the thoughts of treading American soil again.

"I wonder whether we shall meet," said Miss Goodwin to me. "Where do you spend Christmas, Mr. Gibson?"

"With—I began but at that moment some one interrupted us, and I did not have an opportunity of finishing my sentence.

"Good-bye, Mr. Gibson," said Miss Maynard, coming up to me.

"And when is the wedding to be?" I asked.

"The first week in January," she replied, blushing. "Will you come? Tom and I would be so pleased!"

"I promised to be there, and then went to find the Major. He was in his cabin, strapping up a roll of rugs. "America at last!" he sighed.

"Wish I'd stopped in the Philippines!"

"Cheer up, Major!" I said, trying to look very cheerful myself, and not succeeding particularly well. "You'll soon forget your disappointment, once you're down in Kentucky among all your pretty girls!"

"Not a bit of it!" he replied, in a doleful voice. "No, no! You can't understand, my boy, but wait till you feel as I do!"

"Not understand. Good heavens!"

"Look me up in Manila!" were his last words to me. His furlough was for six months. I was going back in three.

"I bade a hurried farewell to Miss Goodwin, in whose beautiful eyes I fancied there was a look of regret, and shortly afterwards I stepped on shore.

"When I reached Washington, I took up my quarters at the Arlington Hotel, and after lunch went for a stroll down the Avenue, where I met an old friend who gave me a cordial invitation to spend a month at his place in Maryland—he promised me capital sport. I accepted gladly, and a week later I was established comfortably at Linley Hall, one of the old manor-houses on the Eastern Shore.

"It chanced that one day at dinner I happened to mention my intention of spending Christmas with old Joe Chancellor, of Oakland, and it turned out that he was well known at Linley, being indeed a relative of my hostess.

"He's a dear old fellow," she said warmly—"you're sure to have a good time there! The house is always full of nice people at Christmas, and he makes a perfect host!"

"But beware of the ladies!" laughed Linley. "His nieces are lovely, and so are his sisters, and his cousins, and his aunts. I hear that one niece in particular has the effect of turning the head of every man she meets."

"What's her name?" I asked, quite impressed.

"Don't remember her surname, but her Christian name's 'Roma.' Curious one, isn't it?"

"Roma! Where had I heard that name before? Ah, of course, it was

poor Miss Goodwin's! I had seen it written in the book she had dropped.

"I have heard it once or twice before," I replied, "but it is uncommon."

"Where was Miss Goodwin now? I had never heard her intended destination—I don't believe I had ever even asked; it had been enough for me to know that I could never see her again. This conversation took place at the beginning of December, and a fortnight after I set off for Oaklands, quite excited at the thought of the lovely niece, although I knew that she could not possibly be so fair to me as was that other Roma.

"At the little station I found Chancellor, who was delighted to see me. He was several years my senior, and looked older than he really was, but his figure was young and athletic as ever.

"Glad you were able to come, old man!" he exclaimed heartily. "Come along! I've got the dog-cart waiting."

"I followed him to the cart—a smart turn-out, with a very pretty mare between the shafts—and in we jumped. There had been a fall of snow the day before and the country was looking lovely—a fairy whiteness

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against a leaden sky which spoke of another fall. "That's Oaklands!" said Chancellor, after we had driven a couple of miles, pointing with his whip to an ancient-looking and handsome house between the trees, long and low, and already lighted up in a welcoming sort of fashion. We pulled up at a massive door, which opened immediately, displaying a huge paneled hall brightened by a blaze of firelight. Mrs. Chancellor, a pretty little woman of about my own age, came forward to greet us.

"How do you do?" she said warmly. "You must be fearfully cold! Do come and warm yourself! I wanted to send the brougham, but Joe said 'Fudge!' Men always think they know best! Now, would you like to go up to your room—there's a good fire there, and you've got just an hour before dinner?"

"My room was cozy and warm, and I did not go down until the dinner-bell rang. The drawing-room was full of people then, mostly young, and I found that the girl I was to take in to dinner was pretty and charming.

"We're all ready," said Mrs. Chancellor, 'except Roma.'

Of course! I had forgotten that there was a Roma.

"Here she is!" cried Joe's voice, as the door opened and in glided—Miss Goodwin! A vision of loveliness in old gold and white, she nodded brightly.

"Who's to take me in, please?" she asked.

"Oh, how I hated the fellow who stepped forward to give her his arm! All through dinner I sat and gazed at her, paying but little attention to the remarks of my companion, I'm afraid, for she soon gave up the attempt to make me talk and turned to her neighbor on the other side. But I was far from feeling unmixed joy, especially as a remark from Joe about 'my niece's delicacy' caught my ear. No doubt he wanted to be kind to the poor girl! He had taken no notice of her unfortunate affliction, and had asked her there as usual—Joe was always a good-hearted chap. After all, she was not violent, and was probably in most ways just like other people. Just like! No, a thousand times better!

"I looked down the long table, and there, next to a weedy-looking curate, I saw the inevitable Miss Price! I grew hot as I remembered the knife incident. What had been Roma's intention that day? I wondered. Had she any definite intention at all? It was all a mystery to me, and the chances were that it would never be explained. Certainly I did not intend to broach the subject.

"When we joined the ladies in the drawing-room, I at once made my way to Roma's side, but, owing to the presence of a conceited little politician, on whose head I poured bitter maledictions, I was unable to get two words with her. As I thought of that day on board ship when I had felt so afraid of her, I railed at myself as an idiot. I felt that it would be a pleasure even to be killed by her now—in short, I was disgusted—utterly disgusted—with myself and with every one about me! That evening I discovered that, in addition to her other charms, my divinity possessed the voice of an angel. Other girls sang, but after Roma's their voices somehow reminded me of cats, and I felt angry with the gathering for being so pleased with them. The politician sang a silly song and Roma played the accompaniments.

"I went to bed delirious because she had pressed my hand slightly; she might have done the same to every one else, but I was too insane to think of that possibility. The greatest lunatic that ever existed was not nearly so insane as I was that night; had I met the politician in a dark and lonely corridor with a weapon in my hand, I believe I should have slain him.

"I tossed about all night unable to sleep, but next morning fortune favored me—I found Roma alone in the morning room!

"I heard that a Mr. Gibson was coming and thought it must be you," she said. "I'm so glad to meet you again! What a jolly voyage we had, and you and the Major were so kind! The others were a trifle stand-offish I think. Didn't you find them so?"

"I did," I murmured, awkwardly.

"Oh, do you know," she went on, I'm so glad I came home in that ship. I had intended taking passage in the next vessel, and a terrible tragedy has happened on it. Perhaps you haven't heard? A poor girl who was on board escaped from her attendant and jumped overboard! Wasn't it dreadful? She was drowned, you know."

"Her—her name?" I gasped.

"Godwin. I believe she was to have sailed with us, but something prevented it. Mr. Gibson! Why—why—"

"Suddenly she divined the truth! A light broke over her puzzled face, and then she buried her face in her hands. Thinking that she was sobbing, I fell on my knees beside her.

"Roma, forgive me, darling!" I murmured, and lifting one of her hands, pressed it to my lips. Then I raised my eyes and saw that she was speechless with laughter.

"Oh!" she gasped as soon as she could speak. "Oh, it is too funny!"

"Do you—can you forgive me?" I implored.

"Why, yes, you poor thing, you couldn't help it! You were awfully good to me! Oh, dear! Oh, dear! I've never been taken for a lunatic before. What a joke!"

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strong, but where hyacinths, etc., are originally plump and sound they may be made to remain so, to a considerable extent by treating them properly. As soon as a pot of bulbs gets through flowering do not hustle it immediately down cellar. As the blossom dies, give it semi-weekly doses of liquid manure and place it in a moderately cool, light room or in your bulb box in the kitchen. After a while the leaves will begin to turn yellow; they may then be cut off to within a short distance of the bulb, and the pot returned to the cellar.

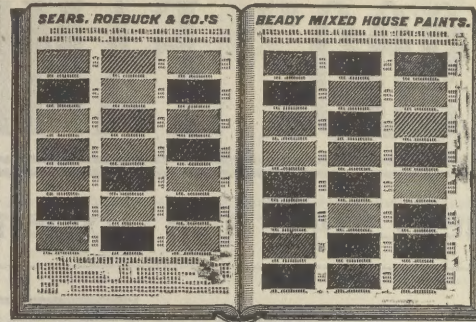
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When the house plants are supplied with what they need, go down cellar and see if anything requires to be done there. Plants, especially if dormant, cannot take care of themselves, and are obliged to look to you for help. Water should be given to fall planted bulbs. Remember that the soil must be moist in order to enable the roots and leaves to grow. If you give them too much water and the soil freezes, leave the bulbs severely alone—that is, do not take them up to the fire to thaw out.

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MRS. ALICE ROUSE.



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MRS. J. L. BANNER,
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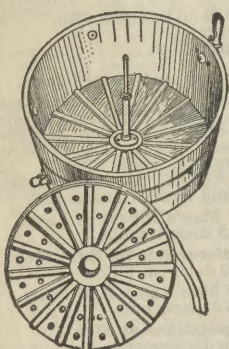
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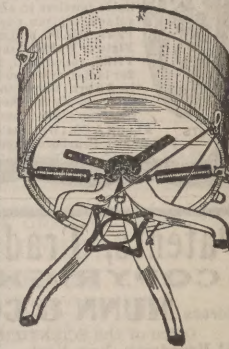
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